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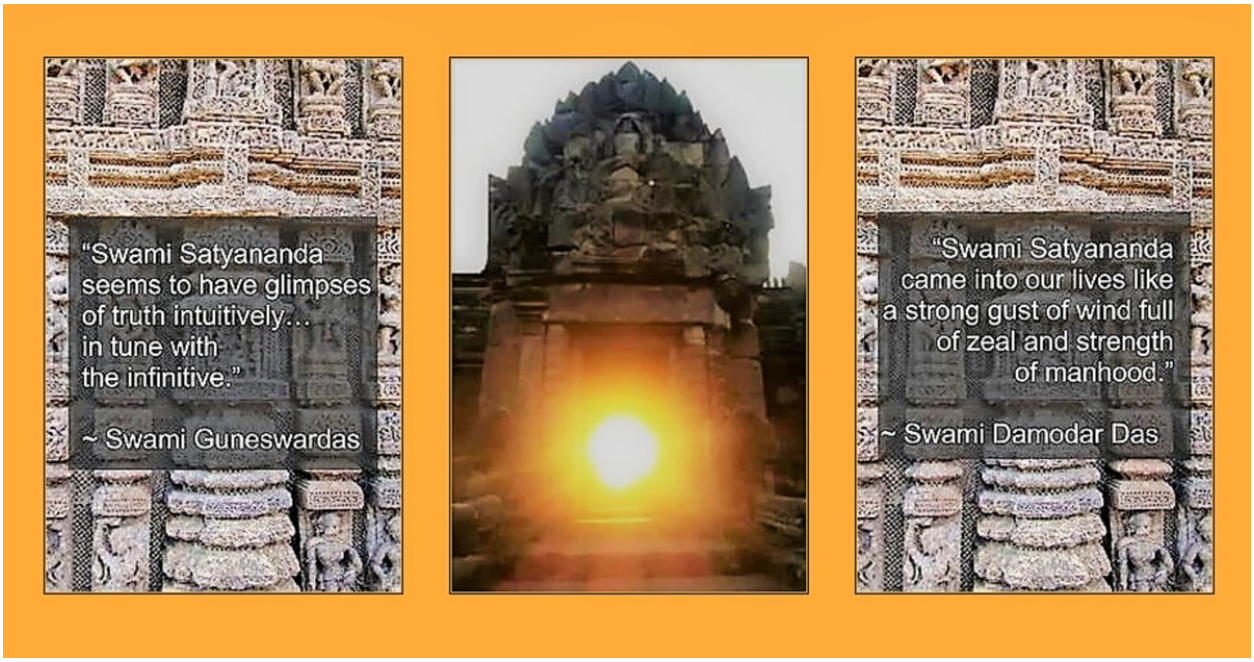
"Swami Satyananda seems to have glimpses of truth intuitively… in tune with the infinitive."
~ Swami Guneswardas
"Swami Satyananda came into our lives like a strong gust of wind full of zeal and strength of manhood."
~ Swami Damodar Das

THE TRUE-LIFE STORY OF SWAMI SATYANANDA

Satinder Soni after initiation as a sadhu was given a new name ' Swami Satyananda '. He was born in Delhi in 1947, the year, India achieved independence from the British colonial rule.

As he grew up, he showed little interest in studies but somehow completed his schooling. Despite best efforts, he failed to get an admission in a proper college, which brought a break in his studies that proved detrimental and damaging later on.

There are several people who have failed as students but have succeeded as teachers.

He joined a company, which manufactured electrical parts, he was not satisfied with the job, so he joined a garment manufacturing company. Still, he couldn’t find the job-satisfaction he was looking for, and in utter dissatisfaction, he took another risk and started his own business, it wasn’t easy for him to turn it

into a profit-generating unit so he had to wind it up.

It was around this time that Nature opened up its heart for Satinder Soni for an experience that would lay the foundation for his further journey. He fell in love with the only daughter of a factory owner. Girl’s parents strongly opposed the joining together of hearts locked in love so a runaway ‘ love marriage ’ was arranged and formalized in the court. A couple of years later a son was born out of this wedlock.

Satinder was apt at speaking and writing English, be it screenplay or scripting a story.

Suddenly, one fine day, he took a step in the dark and decided to try his luck in the film industry, he launched a film in Bombay [now Mumbai], the venture didn’t pick up, the financiers backed out, therefore, the project was dropped, he suffered financial loss, and returned back to Delhi disheartened and disappointed.

Normally, when a person is surrounded by failures on all fronts and his support systems collapse, then an uncanny depressing feeling of severe despondency and dejection arises, creating a threatening situation, in which, mental and emotional ‘ Fight-or-Flight ’ response crops up, challenging the distressed person to ‘ Resist-or-Runaway ’.

In mid-1960’s ‘ Hippy Movement ’ had started and spread to India in the 70's. Rejection of conventional values, unusual appearances, and taking drugs had become the lifestyle of the hippies. Since ‘ Eastern Philosophy ’ and its spiritual bearings were espoused, so it was easy for the hippies to draw Indian youth into their fold and trick them to escape the realities of life and social responsibilities as a son, as a husband or as a father of a child.

Influenced by the mood and temper of his era, and the inspiration the movement had spread to avert and avoid all conventional social rules, Satinder Soni a ' Grihastha ' or householder in sheer despair and depression naively choose the path of ‘ Escapism ’

and become a ‘ Sadhu ’ or a hermit.

Was he moving in the direction that was destined for him ?

Probably the greatest gift that India has given to the world is the grouping of life into the pursuit of four Purusharthas. Every act pertains to either of these aims, and they are all leading a human being from one Ashrama to another, starting from Brahmacharya (celibate) to Sanyasa (renunciate), depending entirely upon the load of karmas that a human being is born with and the karmas that he accumulates as he moves along the banks of the river called life.

There comes a time in the life of a person, when he takes a decision that affects not only his being, but also his environment as well as the very foundations of his existence. This decision is triggered, not only by the accumulation of Dharma, nor simply social duties, and spiritual aspirations, but also greatly influenced by the karmas that he brings with him, when he visits planet earth. The switch from an imperfect life (householder) to a perfect life (sanyasi) can be caused by a sudden shift in consciousness that pushes a person from performing the duties of life to an attunement with the cosmos.

Such a profound leap was taken by Satinder Soni who swiftly moved from being a mere householder to that of a renunciate, from enjoying the pleasures of a physical life to plunging into the unknown territory of the universe. This happened without any preparedness because he went without touching the ashrama of vanprastha which may have helped him develop his consciousness for transcendence. Perhaps, he did not need that assistance, and Satinder Soni, who was lovingly called Billu, became Swami Satyananda.

This is what he said after donning the robes:

Quote *“ I was at Muni-ki-Reti Rishikesh on the banks of the sacred Ganga, on seeing a young sadhu gathering wildflowers, wearing robes of initiation and being self-conscious and feeling a bit*

awkward, a stranger accosted me and said, Don’t you think my friend that you are too young to have donned up the robes ? Not liking the presence of strangers, I turned around and said. " Gentleman! I have already wasted thirty years of my life. Don’t you think I should not have ! ” So, saying I walked away to place the flowers on the altar I worshipped.” Unquote.

Buddha was 30 years old when he'd left his wife, son and home, coincidently, at the same age, Satinder wore the robes of a sanyasi. Yet, both were poles apart, completely different from each other like chalk and cheese, this shows that the outcome of coincidences is often contradictory.

Obviously, today we see a marked deviation from the earlier to the present-day status of a sadhu.

From Lord Buddha to Swami Vivekananda [1863-1902] the last genuine spiritual master of India, the real traditions of a Sadhu, nurtured from generation to generation, were maintained and meticulously practiced. But unfortunately, in the 70’s, the whole scenario changed, when young people from the west and hippies turned to the Indian Gurus.

During this time Mahesh yogi [1918-2008] became famous for being the spiritual teacher of the 'Beatles' in 1968, whether he was a sage or a charlatan is debatable. Then arose the highly provocative mystic Godman Rajneesh [1931-1990]. Who was branded for his infamous sex cult, love for expensive cars, and luxurious lifestyle.

Today, both are considered the trendsetters of the current bunch of Godman of India, who are simply their plagiarized and vulgarized replicas, so they continue to taint the high ideals of ‘ Sadhu Parampara ’ relentlessly, and under the garb of holy robes these so-called popular Godman are in fact business magnates, and, therefore, the media and politicians are at their beck and call.

Reverting back to the issue.

Charged with the eagerness to transform the mindset of the people, Swami Satyananda wrote several small booklets, published as Part 1, Part 2, and so on, between late 1977 and early 1978, to express his views on spirituality, he named all the editions, under one title ‘ REVIVAL ’ his sole intention was to restore ‘ Vedic Knowledge ' and ' Culture ' in its pristine form and make it an integral part of India’s mainstream. This was a tall order, indeed.

Actually, writers and orators do not recognize the fact that it is far too easy to write and speak, but it is extremely difficult to change the mindset of the people. Only, after a long wait, maybe a thousand years or more, a real ‘ Change Maker ’ is born on earth to change the course of human destiny.

Therefore, the rechristened Swami Satyanand was irritated, frustrated, and disillusioned seeing his writing and discourses hardly made the desired impact on readers and his audience, which included some foreigners mostly Europeans.

During this time he visited Germany with his so called disciples.

According to true Vedic traditions, Sadhus must shun the comforts of family life and home and spend their lives in caves, forest, ashrams or temples, and move constantly from one place to another place, they should never stay at one place for long, observing these rules was absolutely necessary to curb the worldly attachments and to subdue the ego of the Sadhu.

However, the renunciation of worldly things does not diminish the Sadhus basic requirement of clothes, food, and shelter, for which, he has to rely on the generosity of others, which amounts to humiliation and is seen as a shameful act, normally a self-respecting person tries to avoid.

Sadly, nowadays many dishonest people merely adorn the attire of a sadhu, These rogues and rascals have shamelessly turned religiousness into a commercial enterprise, they are the black

sheep who do not follow social rules, etiquettes, rule of law anymore, except people who come from middle class educated families with good upbringing, and have learned to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, feel uncomfortable and ashamed in the given situation, even now.

To avoid this awkwardness, the Vedic traditions recommend ‘ Sanyas ’ should be taken after a person fulfills his duties towards his family and parents, and has a grandchild to continue his family traditions, only then he is free to renounce the world in the pursuit of ‘ Moksha ’ and not otherwise.

This traditional Vedic yardstick was grossly at variance with Swami Satyanand’s personal preferred way of renouncing his worldly life to become a monk.

Sadhus smoke ' Cannabis ’ which is ‘ illegal ’ and said to help them communicate with Gods. Swami Satyanand as a householder moderately enjoyed measured drinks as most Punjabis do. But in the absence of alcohol he started smoking cannabis.

Earlier, Satinder Soni was not satisfied with the worldly life he was leading as a householder so he took sanyas and became Swami Satyananda. Now, adding to his woes, he was once again disappointed leading a meaningless life of a Sadhu. Having no other option at hand, he reportedly, took to drugs, which is easily made available to a Sadhu illegally, with no fear of law.

Further, it was reported, there was no one to stop him so he slowly became a victim of drug addiction, and consequently his life, which was full of vibrant vibes was puffed and smoked up, turning him into a pile of ash crumbling shakily to fall and scatter on the ground.

In 1986, a Sadhu of Ramkrishan Ashram, Kankhal, Haridwar, spotted Swami Satyananda in the forest of Neel Dhara, he was roaming alone on the banks of the river Ganga, he was in the saffron dress of a Sadhu, he was frail and feeble holding a staff in

his hand, and his gait was slow and gentle.

Afterwards, he was never seen again by anyone, some Sadhus of the ashram said, maybe he is no more and they convincingly put across their point of view, citing the drowning incident of Swami Rama Tirtha, saying that when he went to bathe in the river Ganga, he was swept away by a strong current, and was swallowed by the holy river. He was just 33 years old when he died.

The reality is that no one saw Swami Satyananda drown or take Jal Samadhi. So, the question arises. Was drugs alone to blame for the early death of Swami Satyananda ? Maybe it's true or maybe it's not. Since there are several instances, where Sadhus having attained ‘ Moksha ’ dwelled on the soul and abandoned their body, they too had died young.

However, considering the given information, the moving memoirs or the real-life story of Satinder Soni alias Swami Satyanand can be fairly concluded as a classic case that matches with the Hindi phrase:

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This old adage applies to a person, who in his lifetime fails to acquire ‘ Material Possessions ’ as a householder, and even, fails to attain ‘ Moksha ’ by becoming a sadhu or a hermit, in other words, it simply symbolizes the culmination of failure on both the material and the spiritual front.

Interestingly, the novel ' Siddhartha ' written by Hermann Hesse was published in 1922, and Conrad Rooks the American producer made it into a Hollywood Movie in 1972. The movie delicately dealt with the spiritual journey of ' Self-discovery '. The plot of the story moved around passions, business, wealth, power, drugs, drinks, love with women and deep discontent.

Somehow this imaginary story echo's the real-life story of Satyananda, except, in the end, the fictional Siddhartha re-enters normal life happily, whereas the real Swami Satyananda enters

the spirit world with a tragic end.

We are born once and will never appear again in the same form as we exist right now.

As nothing is destroyed in the cosmos so in the cosmic conundrum it is hard to explain in which form our last mortal remains will reappear, whether as a living being or as an animal or as a human being or as an inanimate thing in the form of a stone or simply as cosmic dust.

Who knows ? Perhaps God knows or he too does not know.

Our birth as a human being is the most precious gift given to us by the natural world. So it is our duty not to lead our life recklessly but naturally, rationally, ethically, and spiritually.

The moral of this real-life story is that:

‘ Drug Addiction ’ made Swami Satyanand what his real nature wasn’t destined to become, nor by any other means could he ever be so fragile, nor could he ever by any chance be prepared to do what he did unconsciously under the spell of deadly drugs.

Consequently, bringing a promising life to a miserable end too soon. He passed away ' Unnoticed ' by the world he lived in and by the people whom he loved.

' Unrecognized ' he lived and ' Unsung ' he died.

However, some reports suggest, when his inglorious end came, his frame of flesh and bones was burnt or was immersed in the river Ganga as the mortal remains of an unclaimed dead body. Since his family had ' Disowned ' him, so no family member was present at his funeral to mourn this tragic loss and now they hang their head in shame with a 'Mafinaama' or apology.

May his soul rest in peace.

The message to the world is loud and clear, say ‘ NO ’ to drugs.

Summing up:

We must ponder to find out what is success and what is failure. People whom we rate as successful are they really successful ? People whom we rate as a failure have they really failed ?

To judge this dichotomy.

We use a manmade yardstick to measure manmade ideological objectives. But the laws of nature have no clue what money is or what God is because both materialism and religions are manmade concepts.

Ironically, its accomplishment or its non-fulfillment is considered as the benchmark to judge the success or failure of the people, who achieve or fail to attain the manmade goals, which are not real but non-natural.

Now in this meandering milieu where do we stand ? We do not know.

Oh ! the omniscient storyteller of creation, tell us and tell us true, what is success and what is failure ?

Barring ' Nothingness ' does the joy of triumph and the sorrow of defeat occur in eternity ? Or it’s all about matter and energy coalescing to form patterns we call cosmic structures, which appear, disappear and reappear at regular intervals or maybe they do not.

Therefore, it is important for us to see things ' As It Is ' naturally, and not in the way we prefer to see it, through the prism of manmade ideologies.

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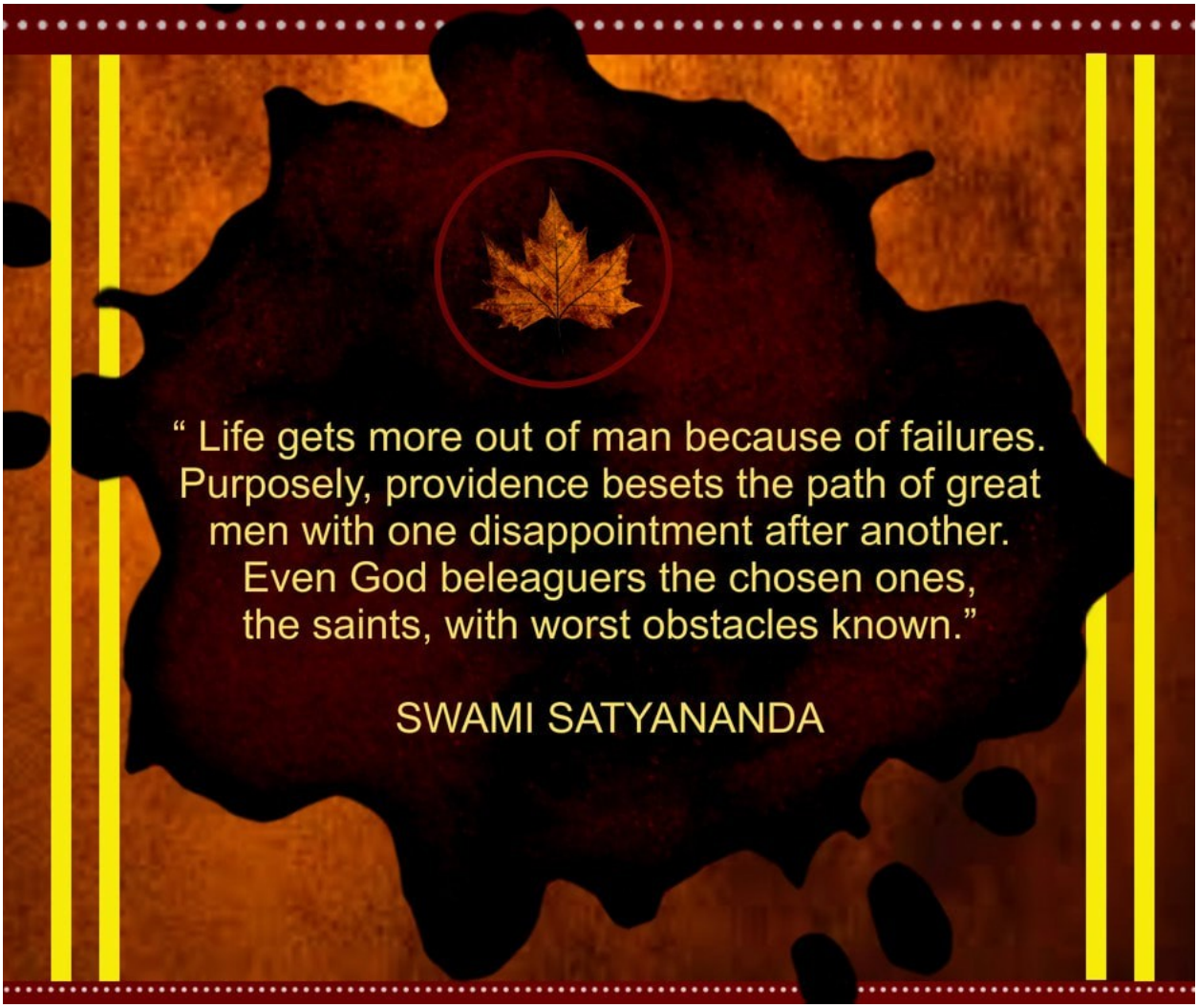
“ Life gets more out of man because of failures.
Purposely, providence besets the path of great
men with one disappointment after another.
Even God beleaguers the chosen ones,
the saints, with worst obstacles known.”
SWAMI SATYANANDA

Post Script

Some people have skeletons in the closet, so the ‘ Dark Secrets ’ of the family are painstakingly kept under wraps, and eventually when the time for ' Prayashchit ' or atonement comes, then a family member accepts ' Disownment ' happened under pressure, so to absolve, he with a heavy heart seeks forgiveness for the wrong doing in public domain to move on.

PHOTO GALLERY

Swami Satyanada was born in the SONI KHATRI family of Fatehabad Town, Taran Taran, Amritsar, situated in the State of Punjab, India. His gotra was Kapila. His 'Family Tree' is derived

from the records available with the family 'Purohits of Haridwar', the holy city of India.

FAMILY TREE

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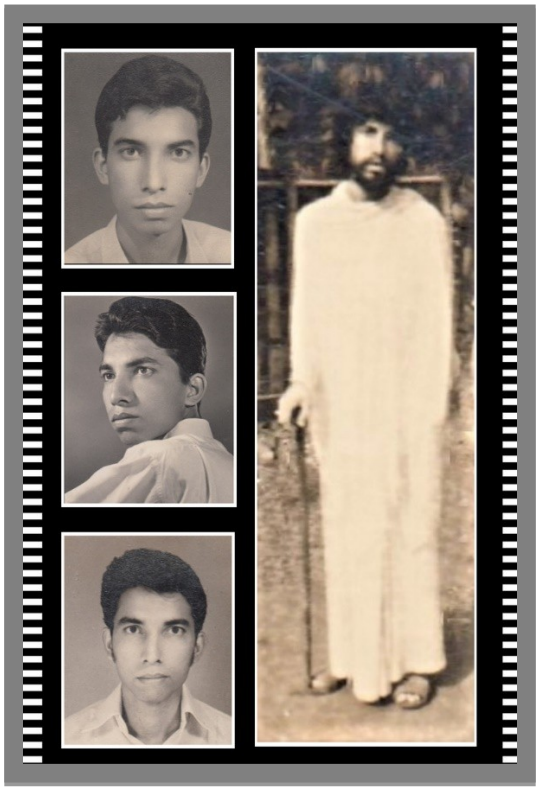

SATINDER SONI BEFORE AND AFTER HIS INITIATION AS SWAMI SATYANANDA

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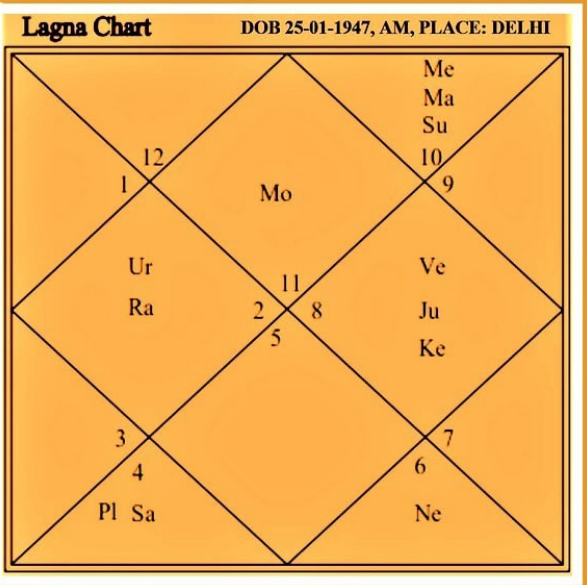
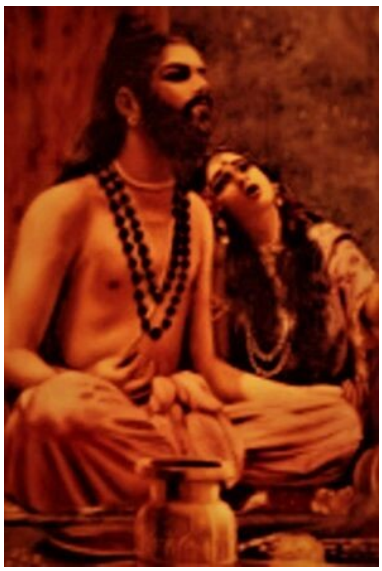
DECODING THE DESTINY OF SWAMI SATYANANDA THRU VEDIC ASTROLOGY



PART (A) THE WORLDLY LIFE



Vedic astrology or ‘ Jyotish ’ is based on the belief that a person's life is influenced by the planets and other heavenly bodies. The Kundali or the ‘ Birth Chart ’ displays the position of the planets at the time and place of a person’s birth, which is then used by the astrologer to evaluate and predict.

A person born in Aquarius Lagna is innovative, he can usher new civilizations and new thought currents. The perusal of notable horoscopes of eminent people makes it clear that Aquarius ascendants are very uncommon, and that the persons born under this sign, make their impact on the world events in a special way, whatever be their station in life, whatever be the field of operation, or whatever be the age they are born in. All Aquarius ascendants put forth a new influence on human evolution. Evidently, Prophet Mohammad, Karl Max, Abraham Lincoln, and Ramkrishna Parahamsa showed a new direction to the world.

For the sake of brevity, only the prominent Yogas or planetary combinations in the natal horoscope, which suggest the native's worldly life are being specified as under :

PARIVARTAN YOGA

This Yoga is formed when there is an exchange between the lord of lagna and the sixth house lord. Since Saturn for the Aquarius lagna is not a malefic, therefore, it enhances the house it occupies. Moon too is a natural benefic, if it is not Asth, or if it is not conjunct with other malefics. Lagna denotes ' Self ' and 6th house ' Enemies ' due to this Yoga a person becomes an enemy of his own self or ego, which is not good for worldly life but is good to lead a holy life. Both planets are safe from inauspicious planetary influences so this parivartana yoga is not as malevolent as it appears to be.

GAJAKESARI YOGA

This yoga is formed when Jupiter is in the 10th house from the moon placed in the 1st house. Gaj is Elephant and Kesari is lion, both are powerful and influential animals. Therefore, according to Rishi Parashar, if this yoga is present in a person's birth chart, he becomes capable, efficient, intellectual, proficient in creative arts, arguments and debate.

AKHANDA SAMRAJYA YOGA

This yoga is formed when Jupiter owns the 2nd, the 5th or the 11th house from the Lagna, which is a fixed sign, and one of the lords of the 11th, the 9th or the 2nd occupies a kendra from the Moon. This yoga is a rare, highly fortunate, and a powerful Raja yoga. This yoga is known for nullifying the different adverse effects of several other bad Yogas owing to different associations and combinations of evil planets in the natal horoscope.

AMALA YOGA

When benefic planets Venus (yogkaraka and atmakarka) alongwith Jupiter are located in 10th house from ascendant or moon Amala Yoga is formed. This is a very fortunate combination in a horoscope, it indicates good deeds in past life karma, and by virtue of its placement in 10th house, it becomes more important, as it, signifies the performance of good karma in the present lifetime too.

OTHER PREVAILING YOGAS

Mercury is the lord of trikona, Mars and Sun are the lords of kendra, this conjunction constitutes a Raja Yoga, as well as Budaditya Yoga. Since Mars is exalted, fearlessness and self-esteem are the features that define the personality of the person having Sun, Mars and Mercury conjunction in the horoscope.

Rahu in Taurus and placed in the 4th house, behaves like a kendra planet and the benefic results depends on its depositor. When Ketu is placed positively (with two benefices) in the 10th house of the horoscope it is a beneficial position.

RESULT

Beneficial results for leading a full worldly life are ascribed to the above planetary combinations.

PART (B) THE HOLY LIFE

Succinctly put, the important Yogas or planetary combinations in the birth chart that suggest native's renunciation are as under :

THE IMPACT OF NAKSHATRAS : The Ascendant (the Self) is in Dhanishtha, Sun (the Soul) is in Shravana, Moon (the mind) is in Shatabisha, The symbol of hard work Mars is in Uttara Ashada, and the sign of Intellect Mercury is in Dhanishtha, all the five nakshatras are governed by Saturn, which means the most predominant feature of the horoscope is Dharma, which leads to the renunciation of worldly life and makes the person an ascetic.

JUPITER AND KETU : This combination makes a person highly spiritual in nature.

PARIVRAJA-YOGAS : This is a yoga through which elevation over mental and sensual detachment happens, when the lord of the Moon sign is Saturn, and Saturn’s dispositor is aspected by, or has a sambandha with Saturn then Parivraja-yoga is formed.

TAPASAVI-YOGA : This yoga is formed when Venus, Saturn and Ketu are in mutual trikonas, and there is a conjunction of Venus with Rahu or Ketu, then it indicates that the person will not deviate and his renunciation is genuine and complete.

SATURNS ASPECT ON LAGNA : Saturn alone aspecting the lagna or its lord leads to renunciation.

RESULT

Indications to become a real and not a fake ascetic are ascribed to the above planetary combinations.

CONCLUSION

This is a unique horoscope, it is configured by some very rare and noteworthy planetary combinations, suggesting that Swami Satyananda was destined to experience all the aspects of both ' Worldly and Holy Life ' fully well in his short span of life.

Considering other planetary positions, aspects, and the 12th house, the possibility of his attaining 'Moksha ' is also not ruled out.

However, the bad effects of the Parivartan yoga, which turned into an evil Dainya Yoga, due to malefic aspects, created obstacles, and prevented him, from achieving a well-deserved worldy success.

Unsung heroes like Swami Satyananda are the real building blocks of the society, which enable the 'Changemakers' to transform the course of human destiny when the right time comes.

There are no lesser beings or higher beings, every human being makes his own individual contribution to accelarate the overall evolutionary process of mankind to a higher level.

Unpredictably, it sounds weird ;

Why after a lapse of more than 40 years Swami Satyananda's presence is being felt by his near and dear one's with extreme thankfulness ? Why are they now talking about him and

remembering him with a loving fondness by showing their sincere respect for him ?

‘ Para-astrology ' a pseudoscience based on para-waves claims the feeling of energy exists at a divine or higher level from worldly or material life that can help us with its power of curing diseases, since para-waves are cosmic energy the blessing of a spiritual person (para-yogi) is required for transmission.

A para-yogi explained that feeling the presence of Swami Satyananda at a time when the whole world is under lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic suggests that the cosmic healer has come to heal us.

This is how falsehood is spread and myths are created, even if, it is scientifically disproved.

I’m revealing the methodology the para-astrologers use to mislead people. Astrology in any form is a parascience. The astrological point of view is deliberated here intentionally, as an attempt to interpret the mystical and not to endorse beliefs and superstitions.

I would like to point out here that whenever we discuss astrology the issue of freewill also crops up.
Freewill means personal choice in the conduct of human beings, and it is not determined by the placement of planets in a horoscope.

I would like to comment on the issue as under :

Elements combine and form compounds, and we identify them as animate beings or inanimate things. A Human being has no free will or choice when, where and why he is born, and has no control over his ageing process from infant to old age, and hardly knows when, where and why he dies. These basic facts of human life show that the idea of ' Freewill ' does not exist in the natural world.

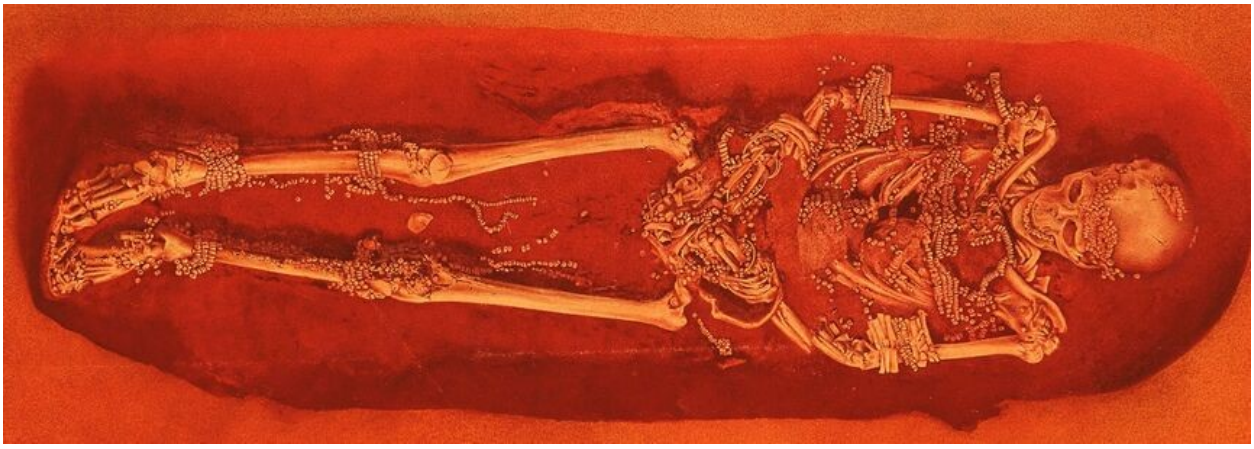
If the Sun wants Sabbath, imagine what will happen.

Man has created numerous disciplines of knowledge, technology, money and cities, in these manmade arrangements, the idea of freewill exists, so here freewill can be used freely to pursue any manmade discipline of knowledge, enter any manmade profession to earn manmade money, and stay in any manmade city. It means that ‘ Freewill ’ prevails only in the manmade world.

Astrology asserts credence claiming that, it takes into consideration natural planets and its movements. But on the contrary, astrological predictions are mostly based on natural planets effecting manmade activities. Like one’s profession and who will be rich or poor, etc. This is not proper, if astrology predicts planetary consequences on human physiology and its functioning then it is acceptable not otherwise.

Now I wonder. Do planets continue to shower their grace on the person even when he is no more in the world ? Or ; Am I on purpose reviving Swami Satyananda's memoirs to keep his memories alive in the family ? Or ; Has his ethereal presence actually descended on earth to forgive his tormentors and bless the whole world ? Or ; Have I triggered old memories to run riot to befool others ?

I do not know…but I do feel...I’m in touch with his presence… How ? This is hard for me to explain !!! Therefore, let me trace the touch of the divine, glimpsed in the realm of the ' Akashic records ' before it disappears in oblivion.



GO GODMAN GO

PAST SCENARIO

Historically India foiled Alexanders invasion, but failed to stop the Muslim invaders, who managed to rule India for almost 800 years. When the Mughal empire was ousted, India was once again brought under the rule of the British Raj, which lasted for almost 200 years.

As such, India remained under the foreign rule for almost a millennium, perhaps it’s the longest foreign rule over a country ever recorded in the history of the world. Sadly, India paid a huge price for being a 'Sone Ki Chidiya' i.e. a rich country, and it's people for being non-violent, peaceful, civilized and loving.

In the 1000 years of subjugation and slaughter, it is estimated that Muslim extremists killed more than 800 million Hindus, raped women, ransacked houses, looted shops, burnt cities, robbed treasuries, set on fire libraries, razed temples to the ground and

imposed Jizya tax on the Hindus.

The terrible terror-laced temper tantrums of the Islamic rulers stripped the compassionate, non-violent peace-loving souls of the Hindus to rot in squalor, making their life worse than living in hell. This ferocious and frightful rule was full of suffering and sorrow that saddened the Hindus of India.

A curse of chaos clouded to cripple the Hindus, who were forced by the sword to face extreme exploitation and horrifying humiliation. Their culture of high ethics and profound philosophy was ridiculed. In one-thousand-year their open minds were drilled and dented into a submissive mindset.

The dreadful 1000 years oppressive rule had turned the social order into a suppressed society of Hindus in deep depression, moreover their social neglect created insecurity, poverty and illiteracy, making the civilized, ethical, dignified and peace-loving Hindus weak, vulnerable and powerless.

The invaders looted the entire wealth and made India a poor country and pushed Hindus to the wall, so the helpless Hindus had no option, except to look at divine providence to save them. Since the Vedic culture was badly damaged, it led to the spread of unchecked false beliefs, rituals and superstitions.

In those anxious days of tyranny and cruelty, Hindus lived on the edge of their nerves, so anyone seen in the holy saffron dress of a Sadhu was looked upon as a ' Savior ’ who they believed could ward off their troubles, so obviously, people started touching the feet of the Sadhus too, to seek their blessings, unaware whether a saint or a rogue was wearing the robe.

THE TRADITION OF TOUCHING FEET

The Vedic tradition of touching the feet of elders is an ' Expression of Respect ' but the past fearful mentality of Hindus still continues to haunt them, it hasn't changed so far, so even after the independence of India, the Hindus touch the feet of dubious Sadhus and the powerful people for personal favors, even if, they happen to be a conman or a criminal.

These days, simply wearing the holy robe with a self-proclaimed title like Baba, Guruji or Sadguru etc. can attract a huge crowd, and the gullible rush to touch their feet and seek their blessings for the fulfilment of their worldly ambitions.

Swami Satyananda did not like people touching his feet to seek his blessings. He once told me.

" *A mutual salutation with folded hands was enough. I pull back my feet, when someone tries to touch them. But to avoid hurting the feelings of trusting simpletons, I pretentiously bless them in*

vain."

This gesture was his ' Psychological Placebo Prescription ' and nothing else for sure.

Further, he bemoaned.

" *People have nothing to do with spirituality, they simply touch my feet to seek my blessings for their worldly gains, and not out of respect for me for being a Sadhu, it is not their fault, this gesticulation reminds me the slavish mentality Hindus developed in the past during the foreign rule of India."*

Now the time has come to discard our conditioned mindset and return back to our original roots.

COMMERCIALIZATION OF RELIGION

Swami Satyananda was pained to see how shady persons in an organized manner were allowed to help some shameless Sadhus to turn spirituality into a commercial enterprise.

For unashamed liars and cheats in the guise of Godman, Religion,

God and Moksha is money.

If the ' State Laws ' cannot stop them then the ‘ Sadhu Panth ’ or the ‘ Sadhu Sansad ’ should prevent this from happening.

After experiencing 1000 years of Hindu bashing, how can we allow this to happen further, This must stop at once. There should be no room for the Godman to flourish in free India. What are the Hindu organizations doing ?

Still, these shady despicable dealers dapple things to find a promising commercial Guru in the making.

So, when they spotted the tall slim Swami Satyananda with light eyes, dark brown hair and a peachy complexion, radiating youth and spoke fluent English with a deep voice, they felt a sense of déjà vu.

And, without hesitation they approached Swami Satyananda directly, offering him a plan to start yoga or meditation classes, promising him to enroll people, saying this is how money will begin to pour in initially, and thereafter, they assured him, there is no looking back, things will fall in place, as the paid chela’s will spread canards and raise money by coaxing and using muscle power.

In the normal business world, money is exchanged for a product worth its value, it's odd to see that in the spiritual marketplace money is bartered by the blessings of a useless Godman, an invisible product on which no tax is paid. So, the Godman in the guise of self-styled and self-proclaimed Guru, Baba, Swami, Sadguru etc. are able to collect money with least effort.

Swami Satyananda felt so bad seeing how innocent people are still being tricked to remain trapped in this dangerous dungeon of disguises and lamented.

“ *I’m a renunciate Sadhu, my heart beats truly to find the path of deliverance through spiritual means. How can I find Moksha by*

decieving simple people ? What is being suggested to me is a fraud. I refuse to do so, I will not compromise, I will strive with dignity by following the norms of Sadhu Parampara. ”

CONCLUSION

Swami Satyananda had ample personal experience of both the Business World and the Spiritual World, so he was quite competent to comment on its real working. This is what he said.

“ In contrast of things, the evil of the business world is far too less than the sannyasa order of spiritual entrepreneurship, which is far too more cunning and far too more chaotic.”

SOLUTION

The most solemn way to pay our tribute to Swami Satyananda is to expose the GODMAN and restore the real ‘ SADHU PARAMPARA ’ in its pristine form laid down by the time-tested Sanatan Dharma.

So, let us all together bid farewell to the Godman. Enough is enough. ' Go Godman Go.'

THE GODMAN OF INDIA

(Beware: The Godman is a predatory wolf in a sheep's clothing. India needs stringent laws to prevent innocent people falling into the trap of the Godman.)

GODMAN ~ THE ROWDY ROGUE IN ROBE

WHAT IS A HOLY LIFE?

Holy life is a moral struggle, and it is not meant to fool around and deceive people or earn wealth in the name of religion or make name and fame, and then lead a luxurious life as a parasite on others money.

Basically, Holy life is to control the body, purify the mind, to calm it and make it still, develop detachment from worldly enticement, possessions, relatives and relationships, so that the Sadhu or the holy man attains Moksha the ultimate objective of spiritual life.

Therefore, the Holy man is attached only to the ‘Soul’ and not to his body. Yet, it is difficult for him to maintain his physical body without the use of worldly goods. So, the holy man has to disengage himself from the ‘Maya’ and like a bee collect alms and take small portions of food to sustain his body. Need and not greed is the divine path of simple living and high thinking.

According to Vedic Parampara, a Sadhu must renounce the world, leave his home and dwell like a hermit in a cave, forest, Himalayas, temples or ashrams, and must not stay at one place for long, he should keep moving from one place to another or else he will develop an ‘Inflated Ego’ take pride in material possessions, brag the number of disciples and showcase palatial ashrams.

In the present scenario the Godman has relegated the real and genuine ‘Holy Man’ to the background.

Today, the ‘Godman’ is a ‘Holy Man’, he is a wealth generator, a capital fund raiser of his companies. He projects himself as commercial entrepreneur of religion, clothed in holy robes, with well kempt beard and tidily trimmed hairdo displayed as a distinct brand identity.

Even after 1000 years of long embarrassment, the audacity to disgrace ancient Vedic culture continues, and it has not ended. What a shame. When will Hindus wake up from their slavish

slumber?

WHO IS A GODMAN?

The word Godman was first recorded in 1550 to define a demigod. Nowadays, Godman is used as a colloquial term for a charismatic Guru, who is raised to the pedestal of a demigod by their cult following. They have a high-profile presence and attract attention and support from large sections of the society. They claim to possess paranormal powers, such as the ability to heal, the ability to see or influence future events, and the ability to read minds, etc.

In India the 'Himalayas' was called the abode of Gods. Mystics who had risen from this ascetic order, were seasoned and competent to show the right path to worldly people, unlike the present day charlatans, who in the garb of self-proclaimed Gurus and Swamis shamelessly mislead innocent and trusting people with their smooth talk, holy robes, hairdos, matted locks, shaven heads, and by coloring their whiskers and beards.

All these are deceptions to deceive the world. What more proof people need to know, how the charlatans look and behave?

The greatest exploiters of religion are the self-styled Godman. In India they call themselves by many self-bestowed titles like Guru, Swami, Mystic, Baba, Bapu, Bhagwan, Brahamchari, Maharishi, Sadguru, and so on. There is never a shortage of charlatans in any religion, but in India they are available dime a dozen in all seasons. They wear a robe, grow a beard and support a hairdo as a trademark, and use religion to build their credibility, character and capital.

The Godman is a part of Indian social system, a product of indigenous ‘Religion-God-Factory’, this is a worrying social ill, indeed. These conmen have assumed the position of a psychiatrist or a counselor or a father figure, and mislead people, by claiming to have the panacea of all problems.

As a result, the simpletons who genuinely seek happiness go astray between the tussle of the ‘Cheaters’ and the ‘Cheated’. In India there are thousand charlatans available for every honest man in search of God. Therefore, Godliness should not be left to the whims of bearded anchorites, who claim to know the truth. Most are clever psychologist; whose wisdom is no deeper than a puddle.

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GODMAN - THE MEGA-CHEATS

Religions rest on the foundation of lies and not on reason so the self-proclaimed Godman conveniently promises supernatural blessings thru his divine powers, he offers hope to ward off all the hardships of life, fears, uncertainties, helplessness and hopelessness, increase their bank balance, enhance power, give promotions, fame and so forth, whatever one can figure out in exchange of money and total surrender to him, without daring to question his nefarious designs.

Religions allow sufficient space for these dubious characters to fill in. Their sole purpose is fraud and not a selfless service to mankind. There is a vacuum in everyone’s life so something always seems to be missing. Misplaced faith can lead people to believe an uneducated conman in the garb of a holy robe as a supernatural being. This is where, the wonder of the weird, called Godman enters. The ignorant see him as special person with divine powers. But, in fact, he is a charlatan preying on human fears and helplessness, promising solutions at a cost, by trading false beliefs and superstitions as a balm for comfort.

When people are dissatisfied with their lives, they need to believe in something that can relieve their frustrations and depression. That’s when the Godman gives them hope and offers divine

blessings as placebos. Blind faith and trust defy all reasons so people believe in what the Godman says and accept as true the dream he promises to manifest to fulfill their worldly ambitions.

Successful people are the most vulnerable of all. They fear failure because they cannot handle losing their material possessions. That’s why they believe in all sorts of superstitions, amulets, gemstones and astrology, believing to stay intact, where they are, and to assuage, the Godman gives them, the 'Hope' to face the insecurities and uncertainties of life. Life is full of suffering. Countless desires remain unfulfilled, even when life comes to an end hurriedly.

With ‘Hope’ life is less tormenting or tragic, and becomes an optimistic pursuit that can lead people to higher level of understanding, beyond the reality of the world. The Godman claims to hold the key to the door that gives access to this higher reality that is full of miracles, and which offers happiness and bliss, this dream stuff is sold to the highest bidder. That’s why in India the rich donate huge money to a Godman, and not as genuine offerings in places of worship, for free education, medicines, housing etc. to uplift the poor. How foolish they are. The godman is a social status of the rich. The human attraction towards magic and miracles does goes far on complex celestial causes, this is sheer stupidity.

The Godman exists because of people’s faith in his power as a healer and not to gain knowledge of holy scriptures or spiritual wisdom, even though the Godman doesn’t know about it. In the religious marketplace, there is a gang of Godmen, each marketing a different brand of divine solutions. They offer quick fix solutions to all problems. They offer the manna for the mind, balm for the body, and salvation for the soul, and help their brainless and dim-witted followers achieve all that they desire like, money, women, status, mansions, fame, position etc., which is the most stupid game plan, indeed.

Many Godmen mesmerize, and manipulate the minds of their followers, and rob their wealth, and ruin them financially and

emotionally. Many have been caught by the camera performing simple magic tricks with the sleight of hand, claiming it as a miracle. The followers of Godmen are pretentious and suffer mental disorders because of pursuing foolish teachings taught to them by the Godmen. When these followers realize their stupidity, then they find it too hard, to face reality, and thus take the route of escapism, drinking alcohol or taking drugs, and consequently ruin their future.

Today, there are many rogues, masquerading as masters, who intentionally freeze the freethinking of followers. They jolly well know, it's difficult for the followers, to tell the difference between the real and the false teacher, in this state of mind followers are time and again deceived easily by the Godman. Conman under the garb of Holy men are now a part of our social system, and this is very worrisome indeed. They mislead naive and the easy to fool people, to accept as true that their problems of life can be solved by their mumbo-jumbo. The troubled human mind accepts the Godman as the panacea for all human ills.

Godman sells hope to helpless followers as goods are sold in the bazaar of false beliefs and fake miracles. We live in a world of tricksters and the tricked. There are countless charlatans to have, for those who believe seeking others blessings can magically transform their lifestyle, claiming to be in touch directly with God. No one can save a fool from his foolishness. Godmen are clever psychologist and exploit human weaknesses, extract money from foolish followers, and live a comfortable life without earning it by their sweat and brow. Their followers shell out money to buy peace of mind, but in turn they get more turbulence, more anguish, and suffer more then what they did before.

Law should protect people from being misled by the Godmen. Some Godmen own T.V. channels and business empires, one Godman appointed a Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers of a bizarre organization for global governance, and even printed currency notes to finance aid programs in developing countries. One wonders with such stupid pranks; Godmen can still manage

to attract the elite and the intellectuals of the society. God willing, his disciple is today a leading international Godman.

GODMAN ~ THE MALEVOLENT MAD MINDWRAPER

Godmen act as stress therapists, and to attract followers they use all types of entertainment like pimping, providing free sex, magic, music, pomp and show, drugs, yoga, breathing exercise, meditation, silky smooth discourses with a velvet voice, and singing hymns to relax their followers in the comfort of palatial fortress having the best amenities called ashram.

On a serious note, there are reports of frequent murders taking place in these ashrams on contract killing or at the behest of the Godman.

Sex is for procreation, no training is required to perform sex, even animals do it instinctively but for perverts it’s pleasure. There are many philandering proxy pundits called Godman who urge their followers to have free sex to reach a state of super consciousness.

Tantric claim the power of Kundalini enables an individual to move sexual energy into spiritual channels. Honestly, all this garbage reduces the yogic union of self with the divine to a distorted level. So, it is essential to set apart sex from spiritualism.

Sex has no role to play in our spiritual ascent.

We are surrounded by people who shape our emotions and actions. They use their rank and reputation to convince us to carry out their plan or program. They are the ‘OPINION-MAKERS’. They fuse knowledge, experience, personal charisma, and understanding of human issues. It is true, the opinion-makers and not bogus Godman enjoy the admiration and emotional support of the educated people.

Religious people spend their whole life with Gods name on their lip and hardly feel the presence of God. In fact, the absence of God starts right from the time they begin to pray. Therefore, they live in a continuous state of spiritual pain till their death. Their tormented mind fails to find God, so they themselves doubt his existence. The Godman also lives with this deep-set discrepancy. But, Godman as a con artist masquerades his personal and public demeanor to hoodwink people. Therefore, his discourses are engaged in verbal deception. He laughs and weeps as if his heart is in love with God. Being a hypocrite, he depicts self-contradictions. What he speaks is completely different from what he does. He lives in a distorted reality. Therefore, his deceit and ignorance are not conducive for spiritual growth both for him and his followers.

Godmen entice and entrap spiritual seekers. Goodman's dangerous designs are not visible until it is too late. The Godman is after money and nothing else.
Spirituality isn't dependent on the skills of salesmanship. But Godman is like a salesman and not as a hermit, who cajoles and coerces innocent people by selling his ambiguous promises to them. A real Holy man does not preach for money, he lives a simple life. In other words, simple living and high thinking.

A lot of image building goes in superficially making a wolfish Godman look attractive, who demands donations from people, accepts expansive gifts and lives a king-size luxurious life as a parasite on others hard earned money, he occupies decorated thrones in massive halls and reaches out to millions of viewers through television. He is a smooth talker, artificial, shallow, hypocrite, and inept to set his disciples free from suffering.

Yet, not only the gullible but even the elite engage Godman secretly to enhance their social standing, and politicians seek them stealthily as a vote bank. There is hardly any spiritual pursuit in these activities.

Myths are created to define the mystical.

All faiths proclaim Avatars, Prophets and even God will descend on earth from sky to communicate directly with mankind. This is an ancient belief held closely by the followers of all religions. The Godman time and again try to fit into this ‘Gap’ to exploit the trusting believers. There are Godmen among us, who on the sly, bring disparaging deviation of ethics and spiritual wisdom, as a result, people start following their wicked and wrong ways. These shameless Godmen propagate a doctrine of their own, and having entered a religious life they do not cease from committing sins and drive others to commit sins. Even perfect murders are executed and victims burnt in their ashrams, the police shy to enter.
Abstract religious concepts offer a plethora of opportunities to manipulate and deceive religious people. Godman use this conceptual slide to slip, skate and skid the naïve into a pit of darkness. Godmen have refined and finetuned the art of deception to its most wicked level, to deter people from truth, and tame them to become obsessed with the Goodman’s fallaciousness. Criticism is stifled, protest is profane, only praising the Godman is allowed. Under this protective shield, it is easy for an imposter to fabricate and spread a number of contradictory creeds and thus mislead the easily trusting and innocent people.

Nowadays, the ‘Pop’ creed is becoming more and more a means of escape for the youth, who are disheartened by the religion forced upon them from birth. So, spiritual discourses and meditation has become a default replacement, working as institutional support systems like the counseling centers are. The world should support social processes by popularizing universal spiritual values through State machinery rather than by ‘Retreating Religions’ or by ‘Goons as Godman’.

Recently, a Godman used laughing gas to infuse happiness and laughter on the sad faces of his depressed disciples, and a Godman who loved to perform magic tricks rather than preach the doctrine of divinity. Illusorily, the Goodman’s hairdos, facial hair, beard, whiskers and dress code is a trademark, and not his cut and paste copied teachings, picked up randomly, from here and there without understanding, yet, a Godman’s words create

an impact on a dumb audience. This baffles the common man who fails to reconcile such sheer stupidity.

‘Meditation’ and ‘Yoga’ not only serve as relaxation exercises but it paves the way to higher levels of consciousness. Godman as a deceitful dodger has made meditation and yoga look cumbersome and tedious to justify the money he stealthily extracts from his disciples, otherwise, it is a set of simplistic exercises, which can be learned from any trainer, but the Godman sinisterly makes a big business turnover out of it so cunningly.

We cannot allow the Godman to belittle Vedic philosophy and heritage any more. We need a ‘Regulatory Authority’ to deal with the Godman with stringent laws.
Why corrective measures are not being taken?

Why State rules are not set up to enforce punitive action on those who under the grab of a holy man con simple innocent and trusting people?
When will the State wake up from its self-induced slumber to deal with this serious social problem?

GODMAN ~ THE ARTFUL DODGER

An amulet or a locket or any magical charm cannot ward off our misfortunes. These are false and superstitious practices; people should not pay attention to it. The alchemists, the magicians, the sorcerers, the wizards, and the Godman are cheats. People, society, State and its rules and regulations should expel and eliminate them from our social system.

Godman’s crooked knowledge and corrupt conduct bring misery in the life of innocent people economically, mentally and physically. As people are gullible so they are vulnerable. The Godman blatantly plays on the gullibility of innocent and trusting people. Therefore, the Godman should neither be trusted nor served.

Godman put on a show to stage virtue, actually they hardly practice any virtue themselves and cheat others in the name of virtue. They are greedy, deceitful and show offs, such wicked people must be considered as rouges, rascals and rapists. If their followers do a reality check, they can easily find out the criminal and unethical acts of the Godman they blindly follow.

A mere glimpse of the Godman or just being in his presence is considered not only holy by his devotees but is sufficient to fulfill their worldly wishes too. Such lies cunningly circulated by the paid gang of chela's hired by the Godman, who spread false reports that the Godman is the storehouse of divine energy, so just being in his company, or by his mere sight on the devotee, can remove all problems, unburden all sorrows, and rejuvenate the devotee with joy and bliss.

In terms of verbal communication, the Godman is essentially an eloquent, fluent and fine orator, who speaks with a sweet honey tongue, and wears a mask of virtue over a crafty and a corrupt mind, which dwells on dirt, diverting and defiling truth and wisdom of Vedic sages. Followers trust the Godman but the Godman himself is full of mistrust.

Godmen are often wealthy and live a luxurious life because they know how to trade faith profitably as a commercial enterprise. They drill the minds of innocent people stressing their teachings are the panacea of life and they are Godsend custodian of their destiny.

The conventional conditioning by religions and the culture of silence on religious matters make their wicked ploy work easily, and the fools follow and serve them like slaves. Religious matters should not be protected at the risk of being cheated by a Godman. People go through the process of refutation before they can expose the Godman. Therefore, public awareness is required.

Personal efforts are vital in the pursuit of self-realization. Many spiritual seekers go to the Godman for guidance, but his teaching does not satisfy them, and their search to find a sagacious Guru

goes in vain. They may read books, reflect over it, and relate to suggestions, but eventually on the path of self-realization one has to walk alone like a rhino. There is no guru-disciple involvement on this path.

It is said that a Godman is a trickster who sits by the river bank selling water in plastic bottles. Anybody can go directly to the river and fetch water without going to the Godman. This analogy suggests that the seeker has to walk alone on the spiritual path to attain self-realization.

When the spiritual urge grows, ever so often, a seeker tends to knock the door of a Godman. Once in his cult and commune, carried by the created hype, he starts revering and obeying the Godman. Sooner or later, he realizes the buildup of covert activities, contrary to what is being preached. He gives up being fooled and realizes that one should follow his own self-paved path, rather than seek any external assistance and outside authority.

Sex, money, murder and other scandals are linked with the Godmen. They are the biggest liars, thieves, bullies, hiding under the cloak of a holy man, who manage multimillion-dollar assets by trading religion.

Godman cheat people. They are lazy at leisure, they are chronic sex addicts and uneducated good for nothing unemployed people, coming from disturbed families, who don the robe as rogues to extract money from the pockets of trusting people.

People should stop going to the Godman for his guidance and blessings.
Remember a real Holy man will never deceive people nor will he seek their favor nor will he mislead innocent people to earn name, fame or money.

GODMAN ~ THE CRAFTY CUNNING CALCULATING CHARLATAN

Godman create psychic groups, which act like drugs on the dull and the dumb, fiddling to fraud them in its fold. They entice and entrap simple spiritual seekers by disturbing and dangerous means to pocket their money. Truth does not depend on salesmanship but Godman acts as a salesman using his ambiguous aptitude. He clothes his disciples in unusual dresses, making them sit in strange postures and force them to surrender and submit to the Godman's command.
Truth is not attained by strenuous efforts or by the stupid suggestions of a Godman, who himself doesn't know what truth is.

The uneducated and the unemployed with dubious background having little or no knowledge of religious scriptures think themselves fit enough to be a Godman. The Vedic sages did not preach for money, they spoke about renunciation, while today's Godman is commercial and lustful, he forces people to give donations, and accept expansive gifts. He sits on a lavishly decorated throne placed in a huge auditorium and reaches out to his audience through television, as well.
It is fashionable among the 'Indian Elite' to have a Godman, who can enhance their social standing, even if, they have nothing to do with religion or spirituality.
It's true, the Godman himself is not liberated, how less he can liberate others. The Godman is loud and shallow and spends a lot of time and money to build his image as a Godman, enabling him to be in the company of the cream of the crop and politicians in power, as birds of a feather flock together.

All popular Godman of India have a dubious track record, clearly implying that only the shameless liars with criminal background qualify to be the best Godman.
Godman propagates false doctrines others believe, the gullible follow and gift their land and money and cause others to commit depravities with destructive deviation and thoughtlessly exploit people with false beliefs and superstitions.
Outwardly the Godman is in a sheep's clothing but inwardly he is a ravenous wolf.

Religious people are simple and naive so the Godman takes full advantage of this shortcoming. Even though the Godman himself is flawed, so he fumbles and fails, when exposed. Yet he churns out ready reckoners for God Realization.
In addition, we have a clan of clerics, prelates and pseudo saints, who play havoc with the life of the believers. These men of God virtually sell religion. They have also devised queer ways of earning faith and loyalty from their followers and bullyingly warn from the podium, if, their devotees' switchover to another Guru, then they should prepare to face the divine wrath.

Only wicked people become Godman. Therefore deceitfulness, fraud, hypocrisy, irreligion etc. obviously tends to increase. They hold mass gathering and insist if they are the object of worship, only then a disciple can attain salvation, so if a disciple fails to serve the godman, he will go to hell.

Godman concocts cock and bull stories and simpletons believe, and are ensnared by their pretense, and thus are brought under his control.
The Godman should neither be trusted nor served.

GODMAN ~ THE CONFIDENCE TRICKSTER

Godman is an imposter he not only looks so much like a holy man but also pretends to be too much holy, actually he is not. The main characteristics of a Godman are as under :

Godman displays virtue but he himself does not practice virtue, instead he cheats others in the name of virtue.

Godman is a covetous wretch, a deceitful person, one who brags of his greatness before others, one who bears malice to others, one who mixes with all kinds of men both good and bad, such a person is considered a crook.

Godman's sole aim is to accomplish his selfish interest by fraud, unfairness and pretense, so he persists in his obstinacy, even

though, he knows he is wrong. He has a false demure and puts on a saintly appearance to deceive others.

Godman quotes from holy scriptures to convince people. Their real teaching does not lie in their words but in their personality. They are unable to hide their inner vibrations, penetrating people discern the concealment under their mask.

Godman distorts truth, casually his argument seems sound. Yet, we can easily sense in him, a strange agitation and unease, his eyes are restless and dull, his voice grates, his gait suggests inner turmoil and tension, and his posture indicates a state of mind centered not inward but, on the world around him. These signs manifest in their disciples too, who submit themselves to their influence and contradict what they outwardly endorse.

Godman prescribe acts of charity to their supporters, and then appropriate the gifts themselves. A charmed bangle or a locket cannot ward off the evil nor spells do it. So, it behooves all, to do away with, all false and superstitious practices. The tricks of Godman are downright fraud, everyone should reject them.

When deceitful advantage is taken then that fraud becomes more wicked in the hands of an evil person disguised as Godman, who is full of sinister tricks and thrives by cheating trusting people by the eloquence of speech, and fluent and persuasive smooth talk. It is like some crafty, corrupt and bad minds undertaking goodness to sidetrack, leading it to discord and discontentment.

Even the enchanted ashrams of Godmen are full with suspicion.

Godman is wealthy and survives because religion is drilled in the mind of people from childhood, etching that religion alone is everything, rest all is nonsense.
This propagation is so effectively carried out so that the psychologically troubled and trusting people become slaves of the Godman. Their hypocrisy is fed on the culture of silence and traditional conditioning. Religious values should be protected, but certainly not at the risk of being cheated.

Godmen fleece money. These swindlers are good for nothing unemployed conmen, who extract hard earned money, from the pockets of innocent people.
The world salutes money and success. Therefore, in the rat race, when people meet failure, they take shelter of Godman, who fully exploits and extorts money from them. People should stop going to Godman for assistance. They should stop being fooled. External authority can never help or enrich their spirit. People must cultivate self-reliance step by step like an ant gradually raises an ant-hill.
Human self-effort is crucial in the quest of knowledge.

Buddha had gone to the sages for guidance, alas their teaching did not satisfy him. Even Gandhi writes in his biography he could not find a person he could enthrone in his heart as his Guru. So, he read books, pondered over them, and applied suggestions to his life, that appealed him.

Ultimately, in the final stages of the path, we walk alone. So, walk alone like a rhino, as there is no mentor-guide association.

Spirituality is nameless.

Selfish people blinded by self-interest mistake diabolical deeds for good actions, they are not alive to their true self, so they begin to look upon Godman like a shepherd who treats his disciples like sheep.

It is only when there is no law to punish Godman, such frauds have become so rampant. State should enforce law to curb ‘Religious Frauds’ perpetrated by a Godman on innocent, easy to fool, trusting people.

Politicians and media trivialize this problem.

Politicians do so for votes, and Media for money. we need a ‘Regulatory Authority’ to deal the problem of deception under the grab of religion with stringent laws, or else, the gullible will

continue to fall in the trap of Godmen. Unless corrective measures are not taken this social ill will continue unabated.
State should introduce suitable legislation and enforce punitive action against the fake holy man known as the Godman.

GODMAN ~ THE HOLY FACE DOESN’T MEAN A HOLY HEART

Let us all accept religions are a philosophy, and philosophy is a branch of knowledge taught in educational institutions as any other subject listed in the syllabus.

Teachers in schools or professors in universities do not stick to any peculiar dress code or any particular hairdo to teach physics or philosophy.

The self-proclaimed Gurus and Swami's are unqualified teachers of religion, so why do they need a typical paraphernalia to teach religion?

Isn't it true that only professionals are allowed to wear a distinctive dress for people to spot them as a doctor in a hospital or a lawyer in the court?

Similarly, people identify the wearer of ‘Holy Robes’ as a religious person mistakenly, even if, he is a rogue.

This is how phony pretender’s trade faith deceitfully, under the cover of holy robes, they rob the gullible and lead a luxurious life as parasites on the earnings of the faith-followers.

Religion is a lucrative business for the shameless liars and cheats. Even people with mental disorders do well, without any risk, and make a fortune, in the business of religion, a trait clearly visible in most Godman.

Then why the government allows these scoundrels to live on tax-free benefits?

They are the black sheep who are contaminating the ethics of Vedic heritage, with their turncoat theatrics, memorized and mechanical, repetitive and routine oratory. This is a social evil.

Law must take strict action against Godmen, so that no one dares to befool innocent people any more in future.

Now, the time has come, when a spiritual seeker will walk 'Alone' on his self-chosen, individual spiritual path, without seeking the help of Gods, priests, mullahs, pundits, gurus, baba or any self-proclaimed godman, prayers or chanting, or visiting places of worship, or reading holy books or scriptures, or performing rituals or offering sacrifices or following false religious beliefs or dogmas or superstitions with blind faith.

I’m not a mystic or a philosopher, nor a wise man or a foolish person, nor a theoretician or a theologian, nor a scholar or an illiterate, nor inferior or superior to an average person on the street is.

I’m not a god-man or a con-man. I’m a 'Common-man', and I’m a truth seeker who respects social norms and the rule of law.

None of the highly advertised Baba’s or Swami’s or Guru's, in any way, are to be regarded as spiritual leaders.

Only a common man among us is the one, people should look up to tag on.
The world cannot have a real spiritual teacher until people are ready for him. So, don’t disbelieve a common man who reminds the world, at least read the message he wants to convey or else people are themselves to be blamed for their delusion.

The only deliverance, the only escape is internal transformation, the change of one’s heart, only then peace and love will settle within and around.

GODMAN ~ THE EXPERT IN THE ART OF DECEIVING

The Godman is a crafty cheat, a self-proclaimed sage attired in holy robes, commonly known as Swami, Guru, Baba, Sadguru etc. They live in luxury mansions called ashrams.

These pseudo-sages are a growing tribe in India, this is not good for the revival of Sanatan Dharm in its unspoiled form.

The amount of wealth and the number of followers of a Godman determine his status and power, this is against our ‘ Sadhu Parampara ’.

A Godman lacks formal spiritual teaching, so he picks up spiritual ideas from here and without understanding it, he juggles with words, superficially he projects himself as spiritual teacher, but in secret, he excels in the art of deceiving people.
Since its quite easy to cheat a stupid crowd so thriving on the financial support of the mass isn’t a difficult task for them to manage.

India is changing, therefore, we cannot allow our ‘ Vedic Heritage ’ to be sabotaged by the charlatans, we have to end, the pestering perception of these imposters.
The real sage will not pretend, he prefers to remain ordinary as one among all, and not as somebody but as a nobody.

Just for the sake of care and caution, it would be in fitness of things to narrate a story for consideration, which is as under :

Once Upali, the millionaire approached Buddha and was so pleased with the Buddha’s exposition of the Dhamma that he instantly expressed his desire to become his follower.

But Buddha advised him, saying :

"O Upali make a thorough investigation. It is well for a distinguished man like you to make a full investigation."

Hearing this, Upali was overwhelmed with joy at this unexpected utterance of the Buddha and said :

"Lord, if I had become a follower of any other teacher, his followers would have taken me round the streets in a procession, proclaiming that a millionaire had embraced their teacher. But Lord, you advise me to investigate further. The more pleased am I with your advice."

It is true that :

The Buddha always emphasized, it is important to gain ‘Right Understanding’ and advised that no one should impulsively rush into becoming a follower of any Swami, Guru, Baba or Sadguru.

One should take enough time to decide, ask appropriate questions to clear doubts, have a proper investigation done with full facts, and then judiciously take a right decision.

Or else it is prudent to stay away from the Godman.

COMMENTS

Read the following comments with a neutral open-mind, and figure out what is being said literally, and sense the subtle feeling lurking behind the written words, and grasp the unstated that isn’t said, and listen to the echo of the unspoken silence reverberating from the comments.

I looked it over. He *(Swami Satyananda)* led an interesting life.

Réal Laplaine
Author,
Gothenburg, Sweden

Suresh, if Swami Satyananda was your brother, then it is a very traumatizing heritage for all of you. Makes sense to avoid the promises of RELIGIONS and GURUS and concentrate on our INNER

VOICE to connect to the HIGHER SOURCE. Hope you can heal the wounds and fix the broken chain.

PETER TODESCO
School of Meditation Uster, Zürich Area, Switzerland

Drinking is one of the five horrible sins. However, a naturally controlled quantity of alcohol is constantly supplied to the body, through fermentation of food items. This means, consumption of alcohol in a limited amount, is good for health, that's why, God has arranged supply of alcohol in limited quantity through various food items humans consume. The point here is that if you start taking extra alcohol then slowly its intake becomes uncontrollable. Therefore, we see several cases of alcohol addiction. Some doctors say alcohol damages the liver and leads to the end of life. That's why scripture says that one should not drink (na suraam pibet).

SHRI DATTA SWAMI ~ Universal spirituality for world peace, India

Drug addiction is not a moral failing as much as the symptom of a dysfunctional brain stem.

LAMA JIGME GYATSO, RINPOCHE
Buddha Joy Meditation School
Burbank, California U.S.A

Dear Suresh, I can see and I understand how the failure of your brother affected you. It is very sad to see that your brother ended in that situation. I believe that his situation was a personal thing that cannot be generalized. Who initiated your brother into that "sannyasin life"? I understand your attachment for your brother has brought you to perhaps think emotionally about this matter.

I am not from India but I lived there with my teacher after being a hippie of the 70's but my experience was very different then your brother. This sannyasin life has given me the strength to live with a sense of balance in the middle of a society that is passing through big difficulties at present. In fact, I find myself being

useful to many people who are hiding themselves into escapism from facing their own minds.

The use of drugs and alcohol are equally a way for people to escape from their suffering and frustrations of life. The matter is that suffering and frustrations are our own creation and we cannot blame a tradition because of our failure. With all my respect to the memory of your brother, I think that yes, his initiation into sannyasin life was not to make him a sannyasin immediately, but to give to him the keys how to develop his life, which was his personal responsibility. Now, I don’t know and it is difficult to know exactly even for you, which was the motivation who brought your brother to embrace the sadhu life.

In India I came across many so called “sadhus” who were hiding behind the orange cloths their incapacity to live a proper life in the society. I met many of them who in the name of Shiva where going very hard with the chillum and alcohol. I am responsible for my own life, but if I become weak and start failing to my principles that does not have anything to do with the well-respected sannyasa tradition which has produced great people in India, like Swami Vivekananda and many others. My experience is different, my sannyasa training is the foundation of my fruitful life at present. As a human I have made mistakes but I took these mistakes as an experience that brought me to go beyond these mistakes.

I pray for the soul of who was your brother in this life time. I am sure that life will give to that soul the opportunity to continue with this journey of evolution. I don’t judge his life because I strongly believe that anything that happens in our life is an opportunity for growth and evolution. Peace be with you.

SWAMI MUKTI
Yoga Teacher, Mentor and author of 'The Forgotten Gurus'.
Waikato, New Zealand

Dear Suresh, Swami Satyananda was therefore your brother...I am sorry that such a man had known such a sad fate. He deserved

recognition and fame. Unfortunately, his writings were not as successful as they should have. His meditations had led him to true wisdom and they could have allowed him to get a real knowledge of Life and the Universe, if he had not plunged body and soul into the hell of drugs. This is very sad. I congratulate you for your research, and for the restoration and dissemination of the writings of Swami Satyananda. You are doing a remarkable work. Bravo. As Swami Satyananda's writings are not available for online translation, I cannot read and analyze them. Please believe that I regret it.

PATRICK DELSAUT
Writer, Researcher and Webmaster
Specialist of the Life in the other Worlds
esoterist, occultist and biochemist by training
Lille Area, France

I am totally against drugs. Drugs make your mind blank and many feel that they had a spiritual experience, but in reality, it is not. People take drugs because they are not able to experience the state of ‘Dhayaan’ otherwise. Anyone who experience the state of dhayaan will never go for drugs. Hippies went for drugs, LSD and experienced high and many people started talking about drugs. Drugs make one dull and they think they experience in state, it is cheating oneself. Go ahead with the website and launch the movement against drugs.

RAJ KUMAR DHAM
Global Goodwill Ambassador & social service, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

I was surprised to note that Swami Satyananda was your brother. After reading his brief biography. I think, yet another great soul disappeared before realizing his full potential. Now I realize how important it is to have a "Self-Discipline" in our life. May his soul rest in peace.

DEV SAMUNDRE

Philosopher, Educator, Social Reformer.
Pune, India

The story of Swami Satyanand is very touching, and lot of things are there for us to learn, indeed. Maya of the mind or mind of the Maya will always follow us till the end of mind. Yes, end of mind means, the end of Maya. Even a highly spiritual person may be confused at very certain points, and can be a victim on way to the path of realization, before reaching to the ultimate bliss.

MAHABODHI SOCIETY OF INDIA
Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Keeping focused on one's Inner Self certainly requires discipline as the allure of the carnal world is all too tempting. In my opinion, drugs aren't the way to experience the bliss of Divine Existence instead, consistently abiding Within, resting in Consciousness, naturally brings with it the eternal peace we are all seeking.

DR HEATHER SMITH - 'Infinite Way' healer and practitioner,
London & California

Swami Satyanand’s real-life story is poignant, but then, in reality, it’s a universal story, which depicts an ordinary man’s struggle to free himself from all the restraints of a monotonous routine life, which leads to a tedious path of self-discovery to attain moksha, and again he finds himself stuck in the same grind. The narrative of the trials and travails of success and failure on this path are unmistakably right for making a cinematic blockbuster. Copyright it.

KARAN KAUSHAL
Director of Center Based Finance
McKinsey & Company, Gurugram, India

Eternal soul words for true wisdom.

YOGI RAMESH PANDEY

The laughing yoga guru
California, United States

I found my salvation and redemption in Lord Jesus. "What you sow so shall you reap’ is equated to the karma theory…and finally I do not judge anyone as long as one is inclined toward the senses. Desire is the root cause of all evil. This is all I can say.

Prof. Anthony Nirmal
Professional Speaker, Philosopher (Academia)
Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

What is the message your work is delivering from this character and his story? Well, Swami Satyananda was ambitious as he wanted to restore ‘Vedic Knowledge' and 'Culture' as an integral part of India’s mainstream. How was it possible when he failed to attain the enlightenment and follow the Vedic traditional approach?

Both materialism and religions are manmade concepts. The basic proposition of these two categories pertains to the nature of reality. According to philosophical materialism, mind and consciousness are by-products, without which they cannot exist. This concept directly contrasts with idealism, where mind and consciousness are first-order realities to which matter is subject and material interactions are secondary. The materialistic Cārvāka philosophy appears to have died out some time after 1400; when Madhavacharya compiled Sarva-darśana-samgraha (a digest of all philosophies) in the 14th century. Post-Vedic tradition regards the peculiar class of divine humans who have often renounced the world, and are variously called gurus, sadhus, rishis, swamis and other name. Hence imperative for surfacing his concrete contribution to the society at large. Must care this in your highlights.

Sivkishen Ji
Author, Vedic Researcher, Industrialist
Hyderabad, Telangana, India

I noticed what you look forward from friends like me is an assessment of the life of your brother, who was lucky to shift through different paths of life, including a period of 'Sanyasa'.

I think nature or Existence was very, very excited about him, as he showed all prospects of turning into realising her fully. I observe that Existence is far from what religions usually imagine (an Almighty God, who seeks his intelligent creations to turn his devotees, do gooders, worshippers etc.) and also Science usually proves her essence, as a dump, mute material phenomenon.

The following attempt might explain my findings on what could be Existence: http://thewhyquestionofexistenceanswered.blogspot.com/2019/08/has-life-any-meaning-and-sense-why-life.html?m=1

Looking at that way, your brother seems to have been a favourite entity for Existence. She must have kept much hope on his turning an intelligent, open specimen, who was very potential of realising himself & Existence too.

Kindly keep track on him. Spirituality need to be very seriously rethought. Case of Science is much more hopeless than religions. These two belief systems are blocking the way of human knowledge progress. Only hope is ppl like your brother: don't know where and at what stage he is now.

Abraham Joseph
An independent philosophy, researcher and writer
Gurugram, India

Pranaam Suresh ji, it’s a pleasure to be connected with you. Thank you much for sharing the beautiful real-life story of Swami Satyananda ji.

SWAMI SHIVANANDA
Promoter Spiritual Sciences
Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India

I did not have the good fortune of meeting Swami Satyananda Ji; so, whatever little I know is through his brother Soni Ji and the book by Swami Ji that he sent me.

Going through the pages, the impression I get is one of a ' Genuine Seeker ' , at the same time a ' Daredevil ' , if I can use the word, who was so determined to realize the Divine and would do anything to do so.

We may judge him negatively for resorting to drugs etc. so, I will not touch that aspect.

I would rather focus on his spiritual journey and his thoughts, which are the thoughts of a seeker, a jijnasu.

It’s a pity that this episode of life ended so abruptly for him. But, as declared by Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita, no effort goes in vain.

I choose to believe that he is already reborn somewhere to take up his search from where he left. Kudos...

I must also thank Soni for making available the life and works of Swami Ji as a guide, a reminder to all seekers on the path, so they may learn from his life and be more alert while treading the path.

SWAMI ANAND KRISHNA
Spiritual Humanist, Futurist, Self-Empowerment & Soul-Enhancement Methods’ Inventor, Author of more than 180 Books on Yoga, Meditation, Self-Help etc. ~ Bali, Indonesia

Thanks for sharing the real-life story of Swami Satyananda. Great to read all.

Dr. Devendra Jatav
General fellow ICPR New Delhi, National Fellow UGC New Delhi
Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India

You’re a great human dear Suresh. Many religions in this centuries have many anti human orders and it’s very hard for our new generations. I try to send my articles about peace philosophy to you.

RASHIDI HADAYAT
Founder of Peace Philosophy.
Philosopher of peace. Iran

Swami Satyananda’s life story reveals his search for a meaningful way of life. This search takes him through many situations of the harsh reality of worldly life, consequently, there is self-revulsion, and eventually he becomes an ascetic to discover the secrets of life.

The book ‘Revival’ expresses his profound spiritual thoughts. But somehow, he didn’t find contentment he was looking for, so he experimented with drugs. In the wheel of life, one experiences various ups and downs. Therefore, his life cannot be judged. I think he lived an absorbing lifespan.

Dr. YOGESH DUBE
(Public Figure)
Chairman ~ Bhartiya Vikas Sansthan
Executive Chairman ~ News 21 India
Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

I have gone through about Swami Satyananda in brief and from that, I would first give you deep condolences. Spirituality should be everyone’s way, but there is no shortcut on this path. One has to go through a process and no drug or psychedelic can lead to nirvana or moksha. 'Sanyasis' has always been a fancy term, many of us have thought to choose a path of being a sanyasi and go into spirituality so that they can end their responsibility but it is just the opposite. Sanyasi has even the highest of responsibility. Only he can show the path of enlightenment to others and if he fails, the whole system fails. Also, one needs to figure out what is right and wrong when it is come to join any cult. One needs to remember that goal is not to join any cult and settle

but to break all conditioning patterns and get enlighten. A true Guru or master always shows the right path and not take you backward. In the end would say, the life of drug addicts is less but he can come back at any point and as a society, we should not look down at this brave step instead embrace it.

VIDHI SHARMA
(PhD in philosophy)
Director of Shivoham Foundation,
A philosopher, thinker and healer.
New Delhi, India

Yes, a tragic story indeed. I'm not against Cannabis as such, and don't really see it as a drug either. In the Netherlands it is not forbidden and I have seen more people helped by it that by traditional drugs for cancer treatment or Parkinson’s or other serious diseases. It's all about how and why you use it. Hard drugs are something else since they have a chemical component to them that I think can be really harmful. But I believe that anything can become a drug and harmful if we allow it to. Even food. We only have to look around us to see how many people are obese or unhealthy because they crave unhealthy food or drinks. Or they eat or drink stuff to fill a void in their life.

The biggest lesson in this story is that most of us seek to have a meaningful life and to make a positive difference in the world. And because we all have different talents and strengths, the impact we make in the world will be different from anyone else. The sooner we learn what makes us unique and what our unique gifts are - and use them to create a meaningful life for ourselves, the better.

I therefore always encourage people to discover their uniqueness, embrace it and develop it and then to surround themselves with people and organizations that will celebrate them not just tolerate them, because that is where they can have the most impact. Without experiencing a meaningful life where we make a difference, we feel empty and that is when some people start filling that void with food or alcohol or other forms of drugs.

Wishing you and everyone in your family love and healing.

MARJA VAN DOORN
Chief Executive Officer
Apeldoorn Area, Netherlands

An interesting story, tragic and filled with all the loss of great potential. No doubt the world is better with 1000's of Satyanandas than without. If just a small percentage of them were to fulfil all the possibilities of that potential, the space we live in would be a different one indeed, a world filled with what is now only dreamed...I have downloaded 'Revival' Part I and will respond fully upon reading.

RICHARD SUERTUDO
Owner, Archivist, Host, THE PAPER EYE
The ipi House United States

(Hollywood actor who portrayed a modern-day Jesus in the 1983 Los Angeles Production of 'What To Do Until The Savior Comes'. Later he Produced and Performed in the Los Angeles Production of 'Did God Really Speak To Abraham', playing a Rabbi arrested by the Nazis.)

Another St Francis of Assisi, no doubt !
I was just as excited to read Swami Satyananda's introductory words to his book titled “Revival, Volume 1” as I was to read the remarks of Swami Guneswardas, Swami Damodar Das, and indeed Satyananda’s Prologue, which built up the scene for this remarkable work. Although I have not yet read the full work, nothing I have read in my skim through of it has dissuaded me from endorsing it wholeheartedly.

On page iv of his introduction Swami Satyananda mentions the “Pearl of Great Price”, which is coincidently also mentioned in the Bible’s “New Testament”, and by Mormons, and Christian Scientists –
see **https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parable_of_the_Pearl** etc.
It refers to the unfolding of the “Holy Spirit” (or “Breath of God”

which enlivens “us”), and to the “Realm of Heaven” (“God’s abode” - that which is above, below, around, within and without “us” mere mortals).

Wisely, Swami Satyananda commenced his dissertation asking a question “Who am I ?” and concludes “Om Tat Sat” – see **https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Om_Tat_Sat** etc.

This book is replete with amazing singular quotes. They can be put together in practically any order, and still we can see the “common-sense” in them – from “a to z” (etc). There can be no doubt that this work can be used by Black, White, and Brindle, without fear or favour. I trust that when “Revival” is digitized, and translated into different languages, then common folk will be able to more easily bring such sentences into common language, and move this work of Love into common usage.

“Shanti” (peace, rest, calmness, tranquility, or bliss). “Nirguna” (the eternal, all-pervading and omnipresent divine consciousness without substance or form, which cannot be contained, limited, or expressed by mere words). These two words say much, but it is the humble works of our own hands and feet that we might achieve our greatest validation, through knowledge sought from within our own selves, kindly action, AND self-less loving (as above, so below; as without, so within). Content and contentment rise from this base understanding/realization. Mutually desired and kindly reciprocated interracial, intergenerational, interfaith, and interaction on a needs basis is the respectful platform proposed by those with kind hearts, kind thoughts, kind words, and kind deeds. Where that interaction leads to the building up of a balanced community, civilized society has a chance, to advance. To progress. And all of that is good. For those who have a kind heart, their kind mind will intuitively know, speak and act about what matters most: that complimenting comments complement each other, without expectation of reward.

Suresh It’s been a few years since I last used Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and the technology seems to have grown more complex. This took me a while. But it should get easier if you can

produce high quality pictures of the text to convert. Otherwise, you could always employ a good touch typist, who should be able to beat the technology. Apparently, OCR can now translate into different languages too.

Following is a Word document, partly framed on my own attempt at OCR (Optical Character Recognition) from the picture images of pages of the book ‘Revival’ I have digitized 4 pages of part 1. I note that my reading of the Bible, the Book of Mormon, etc extracted these or very similar messages from diverse source materials; not all of them "Godly", but stemming from the universal "spirit" nevertheless.

Suresh, you could convert your voice to text via your mobile phone, and sending it to yourself on your computer. You may also be able to do this on your computer ? The result I received was much quicker than OCR, and more accurate too. The result will still need quite a bit of tweaking to show all the question marks, punctuation, and capitalization etc, but I think much easier.....

I’m told that restoration of Revival part 2 has started, efforts to obtain part 3, etc. are in progress.

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The proof that I AM is that you are, for I AM ALL that is manifesting under diverse aspects. You live and move and have your being in Me; there is no other beside Me ! I AM the way, the Truth, the Life. I AM the nameless, birthless, deathless, changeless, ETERNAL ONE. I CANNOT BE DEFINED FOR I am infinite. Call me Spirit, Energy, god, or whatever you will, but know that I am that which permeates All. Know that I Am omnipresent, for there is nowhere where I AM not Omnipotent – for all power is mine. Omniscient, for all wisdom is Mine.

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Your “brother” is the root of your sorrows. For until you realise your divine heritage, and your Kinship with the other, happiness will elude you. This Divine Heritage of Pure Bliss is there for All. Within each lies the Supreme realm of Joy. This is your spiritual birthright. I have no favourites for All are in Me, for my Omnipresence is a shining Light of Truth. There is nothing to fear when I hold you in My Being.

Do you not fear Death ? I know it not. I AM eternal life. Your physical garment is discarded for the donning of a more beautiful one – for (as you should already know that) – the body is but the robe of Immortal Spirit. Wearing this robe, you undergo certain experiences which mould your character until you take hold of your Divine birth-right, and wander no more from your Heavenly Home.

You ask to see My face; turn your gaze wherever you wish, and I AM there wearing an Infinite variety of garments.

Ignorance has distorted the simplicity of Truth, and Clouded it with mysteries. You have placed me far from you in imagination. Is the raindrop different to the vast ocean; is the spark not one with the flame ? How then can life within you differ from Me – the source of All Life ? As the sunray is at one with the sun, so are you at one with Me.

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The sincere and pure in heart can perceive the hidden gem, give it back its lustre, rid it of the covering which ignorance has laid upon it, and let its beauty and truth pervade into a Universal Message, so that others in following this path may be led to the Altar of Truth. This jewel has many facets, but Love dominates and welds the parts into a whole.

Many seek this “Pearl of Great Price”, but like the oyster, they are unaware that they carry it within their own selves, They seek to gratify the Physical senses, until realization dawns upon them that the physical that they nurtured and pampered, must go. Wrongly identifying themselves with their bodies, they face the fear of parting with them – that which to the enlightened is but an expansion of life, is to the unenlightened the anguish he terms “death”.

Lack of discernment causes you to look upon others as different to you. But this is not so. Race is but a name for the outer skin. The inner is the same one Immortal Spirit. One Principle threads its way through the All. This thread is without beginning or end…. It is your true self, the only self there is. The I AM in All.

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I am sorry for the sad fate of your brother.

ANGELA KOLIAS
Author of ALPHA OMEGA YOGA,
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Greetings, I admire your style of writing because I can relate to easily. I would like to read from you about the following points, I

would describe it as best as I can:

Reading your points on the super consciousness helped me realize that God made us in his image from the inside, as you said our consciousness is the soul, I would like to you to talk about the similarities between the two, like how as the super consciousness is everywhere and everything, so we can say like parts of a whole, the something of nothing, we develop from the inside in the very same way,

I might be even trying to describe what I've read from you but didn't fully understand it, even though you were articulate. Even talk about similarities between us and nature and animals. How we develop as a spiritual being not as a given method to follow, rather as an appreciation.

My way of writing is obviously random, jumping between points, as I let it normally flow, I have an idea that I would like you to help me understand, other than the above mentioned, it's a request no need to take it as an order. Similarities or connection between philosophy, psychology and mythology.

ANWAR JABARTI

Great work...would like to read it.

PURNIMA VERMA
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As a married woman with two children, I fail to understand, why should one snap his ties that binds him to a young wife and one-year old son, and then leave home to become a Sanyasi (spiritual seeker). In this whole act, I see the pain of parting, deep suffering and unmitigable sadness. Just imagine the trouble the family must have faced in this pitiful situation. No doubt, spirituality is an important part of life and so is the family, I think, spirituality works well when living with your family rather than choosing to

move from home to homelessness.

DIVYA KAUSHAL, ex- Relationship Manager, Axis Bank, Gurugram, India

I appreciate your initiative, Suresh. I'm finishing a translation about feminist philosophy now. Best wishes.

CORNELIA ESIAN
Philosopher, Translator
Vienna, Austria.

There is an element of heroism in Swami Satyanada’s life story, his extraordinary courage to pursue his own path bravely by defying all conventional norms, like his runaway marriage which was opposed by the parents of the girl he loved or his experiments with livelihood switching over from service to business or film making or his daring decision to leave behind the comforts of his home, young wife and son to live the rough and tough life of a wandering Sadhu in wilderness, what he got in return was an adventurous life the way he wanted to live. His life story gives the message that worldly life or spiritual life is not separate. Life is the same. May his soul rest in peace.

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Excellently spelled.

V.N.Acharyulu Vangala
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Great

SHUBHANGI SALVI
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Jaya Jagannatha!
Thanks for your message. You mention Swami Satyananda. The only thing I can do is to give some time to read the booklet(s) linked in the first webpage you mentioned.

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OM Namo Narayanaya OM
Swami Satyanandaji was a disciple of Swami Sivanandaji and known to our Gurudev Paramahamsa Omkarananda Saraswati. However, I personally did not know him and have little knowledge about his work and life.

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Many search but never find as the pathway Krishna is within yourself thru self-love.
How can you love another without first loving yourself?

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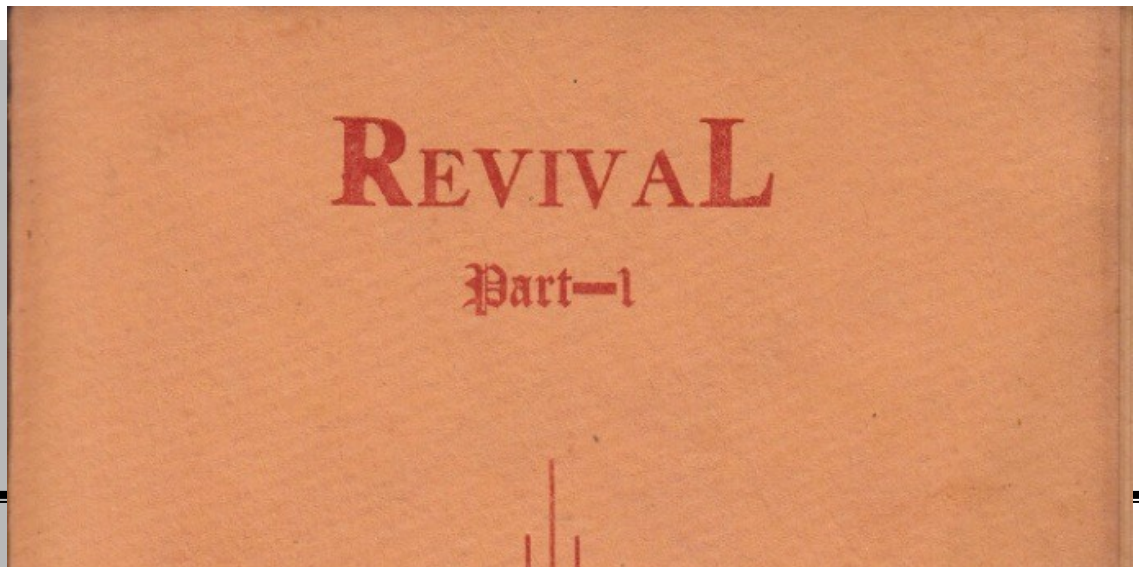
THE BOOK ‘REVIVAL’ - PART 1



Revival

PART—I

"I need Dharma, but I need a little of philosophy too. Dharma will put me in physical possession of Truth and philosophy will make me wise about it, lest I should value it less than I ought to."

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a noble and pious soul

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Swami Satyananda Giri seems to have glimpses of truth intuitively. In the volume under review the author who does his best to be in tune with the infinitive, offers us an interpretation of the Songs. If originality is having a fresh pair of eyes is original by all means, then those who lead a dedicated life will highly relish this book which will mirror into their soul a flood of undreamt of light.

I wish him success.

Swami Guneswardas
Gopinathpur Mahalla.
P.O. & Dt. Bankura.

The compiler of this book, *Swami Satyananda* came into our lives like a strong gust of wind full of the zeal and strength of young man-hood. As the days have gone by, I have been seen him deve.op from a youngster to a man of mature intelligence. This book has been compiled from the sayings of the great and wise men, whose teachings have been lost with the times. I appreciate his labour in trying to revive the said teachings in the hearts of men who have forgotten them.

I wish him success in all his endeavours.

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—*Satyananda*

PROLOGUE

In the solitude of India's Hills, her garden of quiet forests, peaceful and secluded reaches, was born her spiritual grandeur, for it is in places where the soul may bask in Nature's serenity that the Rishis achieved the goal of self-liberation.

These noble souls were filled with wisdom, having found God within the heart. They were in perfect tune with the Inner Self. Free from the binding chains of the ego, they had attained wondrous peace.

Having thus merged within the I AM, the Rishis identified All as Self.

In their Compassion for humanity these illumined souls taught the way to Self-Realization. Their radiant love embraced all and rejected none, but the purity of their teachings is veiled to those who scron the untouchables.

Those who consider themselves superior to the pariah suffer from soul blindness. They fail to see that the I AM is untouchable and that when they look down upon the outcast they isolate themselves from God. Blessed are those who bear the yoke of untouchability, for their suffering is their Ladder to Heaven.

The wise teach that whatever is in the world is enveloped by God, yet the untouchable is considered to be an outcast whose touch is pollution.

It is love which sustains all creatures, bears them onwards towards progress, and receives back all into the bossom of I AM, but the untouchable receives no love from his fellowmen, instead he is fed the crumbs of starvation and bears the wound of degradation.

Men may observe temple worship and read the Sacred Scriptures, but unless they realise that life does not consist of outward rites but in the inward purification and merging of the self in the Divine essence, they do not know the truth.

Love is the dharma or essential truth of all things, and whenever the Scriptures are read with an upon heart, Love alone in the GURU, the Divine Guide.

Concerning caste the Mahabharata contains this teaching. Truth, charity, forgiveness, good conduct, gentleness, austerity, mercy, where these are seen, there is a Brahmana. If these marks exist in a Shudra and are not in a Dvija, the Shudra is not a Shudra, nor the Brahmana a Brahmana.

In the Vishnu Bhagavata, it is written, What is

said as to the marks of conduct indicative of a man's caste, if those marks are found in another, designate him by the caste of his marks."

Mere birth counts for nothing. It is a man's work and character which matter. True nobility is born of humility and one who considers himself to be the servant of all, is a king But the arrogant who build their hopes on the feathers of pride have been blown away by the Breath of truth when the physical world is left behind,

Man must know that when he scrons the poor, he scrons God, when he strikes another, he strikes God, when he speaks harshly to another he addresses God.

Let man therefore treat others as he would have them do unto him, and he will advance in wisdom. Just as your limbs and body are one, so are all men Spritual Beings and only when man realizes this truth will peace reign. "OM"

SATYANANDA
C/o. Hari Krishna Mandir
Bhootnath Gufa
Muni-Ki-Reti
RISHIKESH. U. P.

A God carved out of stone
You worship, O Pandit
And make display of the Rosary
And the Sandal beads
Are you not watering
Wastefully, a barren Soil
Wasting life in empty
Worship, formally and soullessly ?
How does fattening the body
Physically help
When the inside is crashing
Through the strains of Inner discount.
Fill the Boad of the conscious self
O, Pandit
With the cargo of
His Name sacred
And thus the Ocean of life, you cross
And reach the shores of Bliss
Eternal

—*Nanak*

"Who am I ?"

This question arises unbidden.

I feel battered and weary from my struggle with life, but some where within me lies hope and it is this that will not bow down before despair.

Closing my eyes brings thoughts whirling constantly in my mind—and tears choke my throat.

Those dearly loved are taken away into the darkness of the unknown.

Fleeting pleasure and beauty blooms only for a short while.

A choke fills my throat.

Where are you ; bird of happiness ?

Where are you, contentment ?

Where are you, Peace ?

Where are you, Perfect Love ?

Again the question presents itself.

Who AM I ?

Is this frame of flesh and bone the real me ? Is it to live for a while only to taste annihilation ?

This emotion which I feel for Nature's perfection. This Love which I bear the weak—the unfortunate must it end in nothing.

Shall I soon be denied the glory of sunrise and Sunset ?

From the depths of my being a voice will not be stilled ; it repeats again and again "Who AM I ?"

Little by little thoughts recede. I am plunged into the silence of Meditation.

Into the Silence the Answer comes :—

The proof that I AM is that you are, for I AM ALL that is manifesting under diverse aspects. You live move and have your being in Me ; there is no other beside Me !I AM the way; The Truth, the Life, I AM the nameless, birthless, deathless, changeless, ETNERAL ONE. I cannot be defined for I AM INFINITE. Call me Spirit ; Energy, God, whatever you will, but know that I am that which, Premeats All. Know that I Am omnipresent for there is nowhere where I AM not Omnipotent for all power is mine, Omniscient for all wisdom is Mine.

Through Lack of Spiritual discernment you have separeted yourself from Me. Which AM your source your Life Your very Being You have isolated yourself from your brothers by labelling them with different races and creeds. This separation from your source and

Your brothers is the root of your sorrows, for until you realise your Divine Heritage and Your kinship with the other, happiness will elude you. This Divine Heriatage of Pure Bliss is there for all. Within each lies the Supreme realm of Joy. This is your spiritual birth right. I have no favourites for All are in Me, for my Omnipresence is a shining Light of Truth. There is nothing to fear when I hold you in My Being.

Do not fear Death ? I know it not. I AM eternal life, Your physical garment is discarded for the donning of a more beautiful one for know that the body is but the robe of Immortal Spirit. Wearing this robe you undergo certain experiences which mould your character until you take hold of your Divine birth-right, and wander no more from your Heavenly Home.

You ask to see My face, turn your gaze wherever you wish, and I AM there wearing an Infinite variety of garments.

Ignorance has distorted the simplicity of Truth and Clouded it with mysteries, You have placed me far from you in imagination. Is the rain drop different to the vast ocean, is the spark not one with the flame ? How than can life within you differ from Me ; the source of All

Life ? As the sunray is one with the sun, so are you one with Me.

The sincere & pure in heart can perceive the hidden gem give it back its lustre rid it of the covering which ignorance his laid upon it and let its beauty and truth prevade into a Universal message so that others on following this path may be led to the Altar of Truth, This jewel has many facets but Love dominates and welds the parts into a whole.

Many seek this Pearl of Great Price but like the oyster they are unaware that they carry it within their own selves. They seek to gratif, the Physical senses until realization dawns upon them that the physical which they nurtered and pampered must go. Wrongly identified themselves with their bodies they face the fear of parting with them that which is to the enlightened but an expansion of life is to the unenlightened the anguish he terms death.

Lack of spiritual discernment causes you to look upon others as different from you. But this is not so. Race is but a name for the outer skin the inner is the same one Immortal Spirit. One Principle threads its way through the All. This thread is without beginning

or end. It is your true self, the only self there is, the I AM in All.

Becoming aware of this Unity in All, one percieves the Divine Plan in manifestation. Then follows the desire to live in harm-ony with this Divinity. And by and by the Divinity which in you is set free from the prison walls of ignorance begins to manifest Itself in You.

First, there is the sense of serentiy as you realize that death is no part of Truth and that you are Immortal.

Then there follows a striving to destory selfishness in order to come into contact with the liberation which selflessness brings.

Spiritual visions opens up vistas hitherto unsuspected. Beautiful petals of love unfurl and spill the nectar of their sweetness into the soul, inspire noble thoughts, fashion kind works, and employ the body in the performance of good deeds.

Man is reborn through the appeal he makes to My grace, Baptised with clean waters of love, which enable him to purify his ego and allow his personal self to merge into the Universal self.

Strife will cease when seperation does exist no longer. Unite yourself with your Source, then realize this Unity in all, embrace your brother as identical with your self. The lake, river or ocean are one substance, like wise you are one family - One Self. By realizing this man can attain his Heavenly brith-right. Do not wait for so called death to solve your problems. There is no interruption in life and you will be the same when you have discarded your physical garment, as you are now. This robe that you wear does not change the real you. Do not persist in wrong thinking, it will only hinder you from reaching happiness.

Where is the mystery of life ? Its simplicity is apparent. But only those who have the courage to let go of preconcieved thoughts, can see the light. Before a pitcher may be filled with clear water the impure contents must be thrown away. When dogmas and creeds fill you, how can Truth find an abode there ?

Realize that those souls who attained liberation from wrong thinking have manifested me to you on earth in varying degrees. Too much emphasis has been placed upon the garment and the personality of each great soul and not enough attention paid to the

Universal Truth they teach. It is significant that these enlightened ones never claim Divinity for themselves alone but teach I AM in all.

Wrong interpertations are the primal cause which lead to division and breed intolerance. They seek Me in Temples, Churches, Mosques and other places. They identify me with rites, customs and rituals and Some seek but do not find me, only to call themselves atheists in their despair. My loving glance is upon them and those who seek me in earnest and sincerely will heap a just reward.

How simple it is to know that the Universe is the most beautiful Temple, wherein one may worship. Truth in peace and joy. To be aware of the one-ness of all things at all times is a perpetual prayer of praise. to practice the art of loving at all times towards all things is the loveliest way of communing with Me, for Love is my attribute. Follow the example set by the wise ones who taught these truths, unenlightened souls misinterpert their teaching or pronounce a particular teaching as the only true one, causing seperation and discord.

There is but one Infinite Truth. Why then attempt to shrink it into narrow sects ? No one can say that

Truth belongs alone to this or that religion. The true religion of man is to Love all things at all times, Love is the essence of Joy. And it is my plesure to see you happy. It is never too late to learn. Manifest Me in the purity of your hearts. Love is the guage, for where Love resides I AM.

Remember the Physical body and name of each great wise one is not to be idolized. This error has caused many to forget to follow the example set and remain content to worship the personality which showed them the way to spritual wisdom. It hinders the personal effort to erase wrong habits. There by retarding the spiritunal progress of the individual. Faith without works is valuless for it is the doing which destroys the personal self and gives the true vision of life.

The 'I' is now more—I AM remains and from the Heart of quiet comes the message.

"Man, know thyself"
In he Unity of the Divine you have your being.
From the one come many, to the one they return.
Rejoice therefore, and gather together the gems of wisdom, which the enlightened have given you.
Know that these spiritual gifts form one Diadem.
Proclaim this truth to your fellow-men in the Voice Love. "YOUR GOD IS MY GOD"

—Satyananda

"OM"

The value or efficacy of my ritnal Puja is a subject that often puzzles me. On some days, it is just pure movements, devoid of meaning or deep significance. The mind repels and wishes to fly away, while a feeling of depression sets in. On other days each movement is pregnant with deep meaning, each flower uplifts and each Mantram strikes a deep resonant chord. Often it is in between these two extremes.

Then also focus of divinity changes. Sometimes it is Matah, Who with her uplifted hand, protects the Devotee and gives him the Supreme Boon. Then it is the powerful and mystic Lord of the mountains—Shiva who sits immersed in deep meditation, an indescribable strength and power emanating from Him

Sometimes, when Chanting Adi Shankaracharya's verses, Chidananda, rupa Shivoham, Shivoham, I almost feel one with Him, I feel as if I myself am sitting on Mount Kailasa in supreme dignity.

Then again comes the Boy Krishna, playing upon His Flute, He, the 'Eternal Lover', with eyes that look into the depths of the soul and convey a love and sympathy too deep for words. A slight smile hovers upon His lips, as if to say, 'Run wherever you like, my young friend, in the end you shall have to run to Me, for I alone am the Liberator.'

These impressions are not so vivid as they appear in writing. I am only trying to explain the dominant feelings that enter my mind. Then also the photos of the great Savants of our time are also there, Sri Ramkrishna, Swami Vivekananda, Maharishi Ramana and Sri Aurobindo. They also evoke from time to time certain waves of thought and feeling.

Then some times during meditaton there is no form, and a sort of blankness comes about. For the last three or four years I have been aware of feeling some sort of movement inside the head during the time when meditation deepens. It cannot be described as

pleasant, nor is it unpleasant. I would call it slightly uncomfortable, because it is unusual.

Though my daily life continues much as before, I am becoming aware very faintly of a sort of fourth dimension. I am sometimes able to detach myself from where I am and attempt to look at myself as of from outside.....!

I find that human undertakings, however well intentioned, are always beset with difficulties and problems. As the Gita says 'as is fire enveloped by smoke, so also are all human undertakings subject to difficulties." I suppose this applies all the more to the supremest of undertakings—the quest for the True Reality. But a calm balanced, full of faith and brave attitude is sure to break down all barriers in due course of time.

Man struggles against the fources of Nature : undaunted, undeterred, ever restless, ever hustling, bustling and roaring like a mountain stream he moves forward ever !

Looking disdainfully at small successes he struggles against himself, his own nature. Excelsior ! That is his war cry.

The obstacles that seem to cripple endeavour, thwart ambition and dampen human aspirations call his attention to the miracle of hope and faith. Failures give a jolt to his apathy and he strives, with a greater vigour he endeavours. Success at best is a joyous experience but the joy is short lived. Soon man begins to miss the invigorating feel of Titiksha (i.e. Creative effort) its t rill. He gets restless and is unhappy for being away from the field of action, Karma. He feels like a true sprotsman who had been called away while the game is still being played.

Have you ever seen such insolence, such audacity and disdain of what the wise ones say. "Man is but a small speck in God's limitless Universe ?" Don't tell him that, for man has already accepted the challenge of these little greatmen, the lilliputians. And he has declared manfully, 'AHAM BRAHMASMI— I AM HE". He means it. Then, the Great ones have been telling him time and again, "TAT TVAM ASI", "THAT THOU ART". And he has faith in their words.

Go on with your own beliefs. When a chiid ories for its mother it is no poetry that is recites nor is there

any Mantra that it repeats mentally. Its need has found a voice that sends out a call. The call reaches the mothers heart and she comes running, running. Need him but truly and you will have him. And faith will be yours in the bargain a free present.

Water is wet, wetness is its Nature its Guna. If I take a dip in water I get wet for getting wet, no extra labour is involved.

God is Good. Righteousness is His nature. By following the path of Love of God (Bhakti Marg) it becomes easy to be virutous and truthful and one can lead a life free from sin. For in the land of Bhakti the atmosphere is such that what is not right cannot grow. Only Virtue and Truth can take root and flourish. Evil withers away and dies.

Avoidable anger unholy greed and unrighteousness drop of like the yellow leaves in the autumn of Bhakti Marga. And in the spring of God realization the tree of life puts forth fresh leaves of truth and virtue and blossoms forth into Divinity.

Follow the path of Bhakti and love your God. All that is good in life will come to you naturally at no extra cost.

As you advance spiritiully life gives you its knotty problemes to handle. Welcome them, rise to the occasion and accept them gratefully. Responsiblity brings in its wake 'Power' that enables you to fulfil it.

With faith in your heart. Prayer on your lips and with a devout mind you should do your allotted task and live a life as much dedicated to him as possible. Bear no grudge and cherish no ill will. Forget and forgive and seek forgiveness of those whom you happen to hurt.

Small resentments hamper progress. If you cannot be generous or charitable be reasonble at least. That way you will easily get over a feeling of resentment and there will be nothing to make you angry. When the heart is happy many a bitterness is easily forgotten and brushed aside. A calm mind is a great help while following the path of Divinity.

There is God. There are Gods too. There are faiths and beliefs and they stand mute, statue like, high up on the pedestals on which men have chosen to place them. Stare you not at them wistfully, an earnest call from your seeking heart will awaken them to your need of them. And they will step down their high seats and be glad to live your life with you. Aspire to live a life that.

A child carries a loaf of bread in his hand and wants to eat it. A crow flies down and tries to snatch it out of his hand. He tries to conceal it behind his back. A dog is there however, who chases the crow away but itself wants to eat the loaf out of the childs hand. The child holds the loaf above his head and Lo !

Pounces down a hawk in an attempt to take it away. The child is dismayed and holds the loaf against his heart and bends down low to save the bread for himself. A monkey who has been watching it all, jumps down from his perch on the wall and walks behind the child, to see what it was that had made the child a victim of so much greed. He discovers the hidden loaf and is ready to pounce upon the child. The child sees the monkey and gives out a cry for help Maa ! Maa !

Now this is the prayer and that is how I try to understand its import. I Pray, I do not pray because God needs my prayer, I pray to scare away the evil thoughts that pounce upon my mind and want to carry it away. Prayer is my cry for help unto the Lord to scare away t e evil thoughts.

Even God turns himself into a problem so that man is never at rest and is ever trying to unravel Him. A noble problem indeed,

I have yet to come across a man who can maintain confidence and faith in the face of hardships, privation and repeated failures. The man cannot stand the strain and so breaks down. There is no denying the fact that any body would crack and go down for that matter. Not to be shaken is not human.

Man is shaken. It is so, because he is human, he feels, he has sentiments and above all he is made that way, to feel is his nature. it is his Prakriti. Do not look down upon him. Do not turn your religious face away in indignation. Do not blame Him. Show him sympathy, Offer help.

A man is caught in a storm of difficulties. No accusations please, that is not time to apportion blame. Help him. Anything that you throw out to him is washed away by the dark stormy waves before it reaches him. He is helpless. Your words of indigant fury will be lost upon him. They will dispirit him.

First help himcome out of the difficulties. Walk upto him and pat him on the back. Reassure him and encourage him. Cheer him up. Soothe his tired nerves by gentle talk and loving care. Act and show him what it is to be God like. He will then appreciate the

precepts better. Patiently nurse him back to confidenee and faith.

Now you may if you must, sit on judgement alone with him to see how or where he erred.

Who is it who doesn't err ? Try to be considerate. An eternal problem confronts man, the purpose of his being.

The problems of life provoke man to act. They mature him. They awaken and enliven man to express, open up and unfold himself more vigorously,

Revelations ? They come, blessed by the Lord, untouched by the mind straight from a noble heart.

Revelation ? Something from the Unknown beyond straggles into man's consciousness. Unfamiliar surroundings startle into revelation.

Encounter the problems of life with faith and courage, they are the real breath of life. From them is born the need of Karma, the awareness of Dharma. Strive hard to find your place in life.

Blessed is the error that inspires greater endeavour.

Faith and confidence are of higher value than

doubts and misgivings. Persevere and have the tenacity of purpose. Do not flatter. Let the mind not waver either. A wavering mind achieves nothing and it has nothing to offer. Because of it man meets with failure more often than not.

God startles man into faith by revelations

Look cheerful and be glad of heart. If the parent be nearby, the child feels safe and dare fight the devil of the dark. How is it that you, the child of an Almighty God, fear the rustling of dry leaves, the difficult times. Take heart. Tell yourself forcefully. It shall pass.

Who says God is your own private affair ? It is not. The faith that you practice is everybody's affair as long as you live in the world amongst us all. The way you believe in God, the religion that you follow and the beliefs with which your life throbs' direct your thinking, actions and aspirations, that affects others, that concerns the society as a whole. Pray help preserve the values built up so assiduously for the good of man.

Save man ! Who lives if man dies.

To try the impossible pushes the frontiers of the mind farther and broadens the vision.

Failure, from the very look of it, it appears determined to aimhigh. It doesn't stop to soothe the bruised toiling man. It is intent on taking him up on to the unattainable heights before nightfall.

I recommend charity and not poverty.

Lacking amenities of life and not working for them is mistakenly taken to be renunciation, a virtue. Earn enough and share it with the less fortunate. Be virtuous thus.

Man is born with the will, the power and the capacity to improve upon what is. he bestirs himself to ceaseless efforts whenever and wherever a chance rises for betterment. Since time immemorial man has preferred to pursue the unattainable, the unknowable; namely God, the Infinite One. This pursuit inspires him to noble endeavour. It gives him a deep sense of responsibility. It is a source of great inner strength, strength of character, indomitable courage, in-exhaustible moral stamina and last but not the least the love of life. Love of life (Sat) is the enternal truth, the divine power that helps man not only to endure and to progress but to distinguish, exalt, transcend and deity.

May be before leading us on to Infinity, God makes us progress step by step, love of the family, the community, the nation and the brotherhood of man. Let us learn the lessons one by one.

Love life. Allow on trouble to darken the light of your love for it. Sustain love, though hit hard by many or adverse circumstances. Do not allow the difficult times to make you callous and indifferent or harden you into a heartless automation of a man, a brute with the countenance of a human being. To guard against this unfortunate eventuality, Love thy neighbour, No, love All.

Love makes man brave and self sacrificing. It brings out the finest qualities of human nature As a noble sentiment. it is pitted against dark passions and man's baser nature.

It is not proper to make the most of other's mistakes and belittle their deeds of courage. Have faith in the goodness of man. Faith is seldom belied.

The world is fast changing. Let the concepts of Paradise, too change. If man were to get more than

what is promised in the life hereafter, he will stop caring for the heavens.

People usually take life in three strides i.e. marriage, home and their profession. They throw overboard inadvertently the love of God. Isn't it like reaching the bride's home without the bridegrrom ?

Be good by doing good to others.

Friendship ? When two persons try to keep up the human dignity, they are friends.

A child's cry for her mother is more eloquent than a mouthful or words. Pray the child's way.

Prayer does wonders and miracles happen.

There is such a thing as God on trial. We measure Him according to our wish being fulfilled or not. Generally, He is just not there. Start if you may by putting him on trail. But, once you start on the path, accept him truly, humbly and let him be like a live coal. burning holes through your life.

Be not scared of getting hurt, it is unmanlike, unmanly Nor, ever try to be on guard to protect yourself from people—their views, ways and aspirations.

Fearlessly join in life's jubilation over its coming into its own.

A change is needed. A change is in the offing. The change is inevitable, for man shall not perish. Never despond.

Man is much to hard a lot. It is good, however, that courage, perseverence and an iron will have been ordained for him.

Don't take life lying down. That will defeat the purpose of life. Accept its challenges. Commit yourself to act, intent on fulfilling it. Commitment, implies interest and a willingness to face the consequences, whatever they be. But to adhere to any aim in life requires a strong sense of purpose. Only a noble purpose could be greater than Dharma. Aspire for Dharma, and endeavour solemnly to live up to it.

Non can justify sin, conscience is much too strong for man and he dare not defy it for long.

There is no special merit or de-marit attached to a thing, simply because it is old or new, test and verify and if you find it valid, adopt it but do not cast away a thing off-hand.

Our actions are limited, guided by our own opinion vision and knowledge.

Man must work to his utmost, but he must be free to realise that while very little depends on him, his work achieves significance only from that immense current of destiny that is working through him and whatever from it may take, it would be so long at it is whole-hearted and sincere, be carried in the self same way on that self stream.

It is not goods-life, but good life that is real hapiness. More and more goods is no answer to the question of happiness, happiness is an inner quality. It cannot be obtained merely by artificial and external aids.

Life's meaning is very deep and vast. Human situation though full of Boredom and joy, frustration and fulfilment has something impersonal about it. This impersonal and pervasive factor is God's tangible reality. New vistas open and man experiences God's meliorative reality.

Truth serves the best interests of all humanity.

To help others is virtue, to harm others is sin.

If somehow, a man rich in spiritual values were to be respected more than a man of worldly riches, then the spiritual values will become a fashion.

There is such a thing like discretion in human affairs. A man of virtue, vision and attainments knows when and where to make concessions. Discredtion conscientiously used does not lower but enhance the respect for law.

Don't drain the cup of life of its dregs. Use restraint. Observe Brahmacharya.

When the calibre of man gets broken down every thing is lost, as long as man is strong with in, he can rebuild the world around him however desperate the conditions be.

Failures should not dishearten you, nor should success flatter. You are but one factor (Hetu) there are four others over which you have little control

When each individual fails to face the challenges outside him, and since the community is made up of individuals, the community will not be able to face its own problems.

No prayer, no wish, no desire and no endeavour, good, bad or indifferent, ever goes waste. Providence takes them all to its bosom and sets to work for their fulfilment. Hence, invoke Providence sensibly and judiciously while keeping in view the dictates of Dharma.

A miracle is an action in which its fifth dimension (Hetu) the Providence plays a major role.

Providence is the circumstance, the big 'if' that leads man to success in spite of himself.

Providence the fifth dimension of action, karma, bridges the gulf between man and God and restores the missing link. Here in lies the greatness of Karma.

You cannot run away from karma. You cannot refuse to act, to live. You are up against the remaining four factors (Hetu) that govern all actions. Accept the position gracefully and act.

The value of karma, human endeavour, is measured by its success in elevating the individual.

The value of an aspirant's Sadhana is judged by the strength of character and selfless devotion to duty, Dharma. Sadhana does not make much headway in a Sadhaka who continues to be irresponsible, easygoing,

and interested in easy money and indulgence in the pleasures of the senses.

Act. For in action man comes in direct contact with God through its fifth dimension Daivam. Daivam, Providence is the will of God and His Grace One side, it borders on human consciousness and on the other, it runs deep into the Realms of God.

Actions should be performed in a selfless dedicatory spirit, unmindful of the consequences or fruits, with a sense of duty. Such acts constitute real worship and do not bind man but liberate him.

The act itself does not count in comparison with the thought force sent out and the spiritual energy generated by it.

It is the purpose of help and redemption. the pitying love, the steadfast hope that determines the value of the act.

A bad action is like the smouldering fire that gives out lot of smoke. The smoke envelops all its dimensions and man cannot see. He acts in the dark, ignorance.

An action conditioned by Dharma is a good one. Unlike a bad action, it is like the burning fire with little or no smoke. The burning fire illumines all the dimensions and man perceives them clearly—He does not act in the dark but his actions are enlightened and become resplendent,

Man endeavours to endure, to prevail and to progress. Virue helps, but sin delays, hinders. Love virtue. Avoid sin.

From error to error one discovers the entire truth. Progress is a series of mistakes.

All of us have our moments of saintliness and weakness. The good avail of the former. The bad welcome the latter.

It is the will of man to endure and to prevail that crystallies into a Saviour at some critical juncture in the human history.

Faith is what we feel when God condescends to visit our hearts.

In a sinner, life drifts aimlessly and comes to grief. In a saint, however, life moves with a deeper purpose and triumphs.

Have no visions to befog the mind and obscure your vision Let nothing dull your zest for life. Feel evenly. Live sensibly. And think positively.

I look upto those in whom life walks on twos and not upto those wherein life is rooted down, creeps, crawls, hops, soars or walks on all fours. For, Man, is capable of sacrifice, love judgement, creative effort, endurance and God realization.

On the greatmen devolves a great responsibility. They are capable or doing greater good. May Lord make them noble, good and saintlike.

Moksha is the spirit and not a desire for liberation or emancipation. It sprīngs from life and is adequate to meet its challenge. As a desire it betrays man's reluctance to face life. Sparked by this spirit, however, man accepts the challenge of the unknown and faces life with new courage and confidence.

Moksha is not a particular place, nor has one to go to some other village to obtain it, the destruction which is the knot of ignorance is known as Moksha.

As I love life, so I love Maksha.

Sadhana is not a hand maid of vice, but a means of disciplining one self for self purification.

Do not desire or seek revenge. Be always in readiness to help a brother, even should you risk your own life.

Respect your parents. Respect old age. Be protective towards the weak.

To attain true spiritual success you must also attain love for your fellow beings. True love, is the achievement of at-one-ment-with others. It is selfless, seeing and feeling in harmony with all men. It seeks not to possess, nor demands subservience to self-will, its joys are another's happiness and their sorrows are its sorrows. It both gives and takes in a balance of complete harmony.

To be successful in God's scheme of Nature you must form a daily habit of projecting thoughts of a positive and a constructive nature.

To be successful in your undertakings, you should make a close study of the needs and wants of others, you should at all times bury animosity towards your

fellows and you should stretch out the hand to help all who are in need.

Nature casts all men in the same mould, for we are truly in all men and all men are in us.

The fundamental law of Nature is cause and effect, which will react upon the thinker in proportion as his thoughts are, either for good or for evil.

Man is a God. But in his selfishness and ignorance his divine origin and power are latent and locked within the prison house of his emotions and actions. He can only find and know himself in the losing of self. Then will he be wrapped around by the protective love of the Creator, and Nature works in harmony with him.

Earth is the class-room in which the lessons of way-wardness, selfishness and jealousy and all those negative emotions must be overcome, before its constricting dimensions and be cast off, and the spirit rise to higher levels of cosmic knowledge.

God is in all places, in all things. God is the universal thought potential permeating this limitlesss and cosmic creation. Then it follows that we being a part

of that eternal and imperishable God-force are also eternal and imperishable, for if the whole be eternal the part must be eternal also.

Mankind makes his own heaven or hell during his life time upon Earth by the way in which he moulds his life, the negative emotions of fear, hate, jealousy, selfishness are all the negative and destroying emotions as opposed to courage, love selflessness, which are the creative forces with in the spirit of man if he will only seek them out.

It is the God-force or creative thought force which is responsible for all that IS. There are numberless planes of spirit all merging one with another in limitless space. All is spirit. Matter is but the grossest from of spirit, and all spirit is seeking reunion with the God-force which sent it out. Out of grossest matter the spiritual essence evaporates, just as fumes rise from a block of comphor until at last no solid is left.

If you would solve his mysteries you must seek to know Him by searching within the God-consiousness of the soul, than shall you understand that all things are and that God's universe is limited and eternal; born of his ever lasting thought.

You must individually, strive to become stronger in spiritual knowledge, that you may help in the work of guiding humanity back again onto the path way of spiritual brother hood towards man and in God.

Mortal power is of the flesh and perishes when the flesh dies, it is an illusion of materialism. The power of the spirit never changes, gaining from strength to strength and becoming more and more in rhythm with Nature.

Man must learn his earthly lessons upon Earth. Because you must have a garment, or instrument through which the spirit can express itself while living its three dimensional existence. Remember the spirit is thought and when incarnate in the flesh. must be able to express itself in material form.

Failures pose a challenge to your capacities. Accept the challenge and declare 'I can do it !'

Life gets more out of man because of failures. Purposely, providence besets the path of great men with one dissappointment after the other. Even God chooses to beleaguer the chossen ones, the saints, with wrost obstacles known. Look ! Life is paving the path to

greatness so carefully, so lovingly, with adversities, frustrations and failures. Here ! It has given out a call ! Who is going to be the lucky fellow ? Why can't it be you !

Every faith serves its purpose as one goes forward on the path, old beliefs give way to new faiths. Care should be taken that the sapling of faith is allowed to grow so that it blossoms and bears fruit. The divine fruit that grows on the stems of faith ripens into knowledge Divine. It is knowledge that we aspire for and welcome joyously. No faith is ever wrong or forever useless. Gladly bow your head where ever another head bows in true reverence. Do not doubt any faith for all faiths come from Him.

Respond to the call of life manfully.

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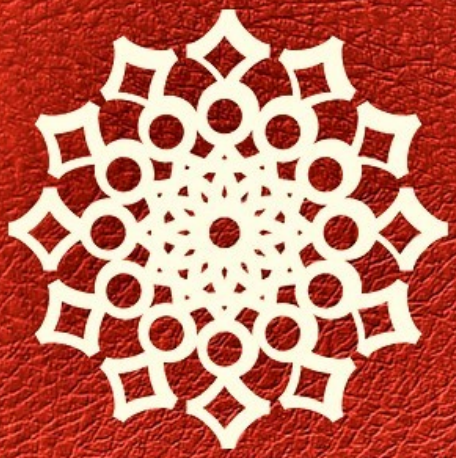
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